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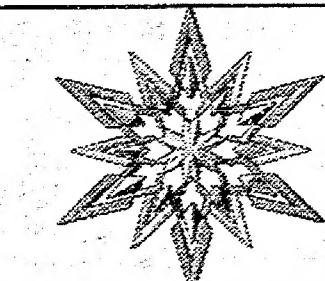
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Light-Up Night in Sewickley is almost here. See the great fun your family can have on Friday, Dec. 2, and all Yuletide through in our special section.

SPORTS



Quaker Valley senior basketball star Amir Johnson signed with Division 1 Radford University in Virginia last week.

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SONGS OF THANKS



JANE BLAUGRUND and Zeke Gonzalez, students in Elise Woodburn's first grade class at Edgeworth Elementary School (at Anthony Wayne), join 60 classmates in the school's annual Thanksgiving Day feast re-enactment last Friday.

Photo courtesy of Quaker Valley School District

OSBORNE

Council, district at odds with agreement

By Laura Halletman

Staff writer

Although Osborne Borough and the Zoning Hearing Board have settled three conditions with Quaker Valley School District officials regarding the upcoming renovations of Osborne Elementary School, a developer's agreement among the three entities remains in dispute.

The three conditions agreed to require the school district to keep the school an ele-

mentary school and limit enrollment to 540 students, assist Osborne Borough in finding funding for a nature trail to be constructed near the school and allow the soccer field and playground would be open to the public at reasonable times subject to regulations established by the school district.

The point of contention is a proposed developer's agreement similar to the one signed for the Edgeworth Elementary School construction project.

The agreement does not take into account the wear and tear that could occur on Beaver Road as contractor vehicles and equipment work at Osborne Elementary School.

This concerned borough officials, who said Beaver Road could be in need of repairs after the completion of renovations to the school. These repairs could include possible milling and paving of the roadway.

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YOU CAN HELP

Blood drive for Dr. Sabatelle

Deacon Robert Sabatelle, M.D., from St. James Church, is suffering from leukemia.

He is receiving four weeks of intensive chemotherapy at UPMC Shadyside, which is requiring him to receive blood transfusions as part of his

treatment.

St. James Parish is asking the community for help.

There will be a blood drive on Sunday, Nov. 27, and the church is asking all to donate.

For more information about the blood drive, contact John Hayes at 412-897-6699 or Cheryl Lamar at the Central Blood Bank in Pittsburgh at 412-209-7074.



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OSBORNE



ALTHOUGH OSBORNE Council is willing to work with the Quaker Valley School District, terms of the developer's agreement are still an item of contention.

Photo by Laura Hallemann

Beaver Road borough's priority

Continued from Page 1

as well as catch basin and sewer line replacement.

Osborne's Public Works Committee was asked by council to offer suggestions regarding the matter.

"They said the school district should pay a minimum of \$100,000 towards reconstruction and paving of Beaver Road," said borough solicitor Harlon Stone.

"The school district firmly and flatly rejected it."

When the developer's agreement was first introduced, Stone said QVSD requested the borough not require a bond as security for

the entire project.

"Our feeling was that they (QVSD) were willing to pledge their full faith and credit and taxing power," he said.

With the issue of cost of any necessary repairs to Beaver Road, however, Stone counseled the borough on three options: Put funds in an escrow account in the event of damage, offer a "set-aside" similar to that of an escrow account or bond the job.

"We were kind of doing them a favor by not requiring a bond, but now we might have to," said Stone.

A bond for the project is estimated at \$600,000, with 10 percent down.

"It seems exceedingly like-

ly that Beaver Road may sustain some road damage...the probability is better than five out of 10," said council president John Hayes.

"I don't see that we can agree on this agreement the way it is written."

Osborne mayor William Boswell agreed.

"We want to save the school some cost, but we also must protect the borough of Osborne."

Renovations to the elementary school are expected to begin in the spring of 2006. Under the plan, students of Osborne will be transferred to Anthony Wayne Elementary School in Ambridge for the 2006-07 school year.

Council holds tax rate for new year

By Laura Hallemann

Staff writer

Osborne Borough Council adopted a preliminary 2006 budget of \$397,340 that holds the property tax rate at 4.9 mills.

Council member Louis Naugle explained that although some big budget items to be completed in the borough show a deficit of roughly \$212,000, the borough has enough in 2005 cash reserves to carry over into

2006.

The big budget items include \$45,000 for the demolition of a home on Glen Mitchell Road, \$15,000 to repair a sinkhole at Railroad Avenue and Center Street, and \$150,000 for the Beaver Road curbing project.

"The bottom line is, although it looks like a deficit, we have what I consider to be a balanced budget," said Naugle.

Council also approved a

three-year extension on the borough's contract with the Sewickley Police Department, with an annual five percent increase.

The current contract is \$75,000 annually and will increase to \$78,750 in 2006, \$82,500 in 2007 and \$86,800 in 2008.

A three percent raise for the borough secretary was also approved, with her salary split between Sewickley and Osborne boroughs.

SPOTLIGHT

Local food pantry serves community all year long

By Laura Hallemann

Staff writer

In the days prior to Thanksgiving, grocery stores bustle with customers purchasing ingredients for their much-anticipated holiday feast.

Many, however, are unable to afford such a luxury. Yet, through the assistance of the Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry, those who need a hand are able to put food on their table, not only during the holidays but all year round.

Sewickley Community Center, located on Chadwick Street in Sewickley, houses the food pantry and is staffed by volunteers such as Mildred Nash, Nora Spears and Sara Harris from Triumph Baptist Church in Sewickley.

Over the past 20 years, the food pantry has provided food bags to residents of Sewickley and surrounding communities, including Leetsdale, Osborne, Ambridge and Coraopolis.

Regular food bags include food items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Baby food is provided if needed.

"There is a misconception that people in Sewickley don't need help," says Shirley Stanley, community center board president.

"The people we serve come from all backgrounds and there are occasions where someone will call the center and say they need food but do not want to come here and pick it up because they don't want others to know they need assistance."

In cases such as this, Stanley has often met people after the center has closed and discretely given them a bag of food.

Stanley has been on the board of directors at the community center since 1998 and, since that time, has seen an increase in the number of people in need.

"Particularly in the past three or four months, I would say there has been a significant increase."

The center used to serve four families and individuals each week, now it now services 10 to 12 per week.

"In this area, there have been a lot



MIDDLE SCHOOL students at Sewickley Community Center help to stock the shelves of the food pantry.
Photo by Laura Hallemann

of layoffs. We can hardly keep food in stock because it is given out so quickly," she says.

In fact, last week the food pantry volunteers prepared Thanksgiving food bags that included a turkey and all of the trimmings, for 15 families.

This year they partnered with the Union Aid Society, Sewickley Valley YMCA and the Newcomers Club in Sewickley to make the Thanksgiving baskets.

When the food pantry opened, however, 20 people stood in line for the holiday meals.

Stanley says the food pantry would never turn anyone away and referred

people to other organizations so they could enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

The community center's food pantry relies largely on monetary and food donations from local churches, the annual "Feed a Friend" drive and "Scouting For Food" by local boy scout troops.

In the past, Quaker Valley High School has also been instrumental in donating funds from their annual "Empty Bowls" dinner.

A common misconception is that the holiday season is the time to give to food pantries. Hunger, however, is a year-round reality for many.

"I've gotten calls from individuals who say 'I have 50 cents to last me for

the month' and we provide them with one of our regular food bags to get them through a tough time," says Stanley.

"Our feeling is that, if you need food, we're going to try and help you in any way we can."

The community center food pantry is open Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., but will be closed today (Wednesday).

Monetary donations to the food pantry can be mailed to P.O. Box 313, 15 Chadwick St., Sewickley, PA 15143.

Food donations can be brought directly to the community center.

Call 412-741-5430 for the center's hours of operation.

ALERT

Police take part in Click It or Ticket campaign

As the holidays approach, Sewickley Police Department will participate in a state-wide blitz in conjunction with the Buckle Up Pennsylvania Program.

The theme for the Thanksgiving 2005 wave is "Click It or Ticket: Zero Tolerance."

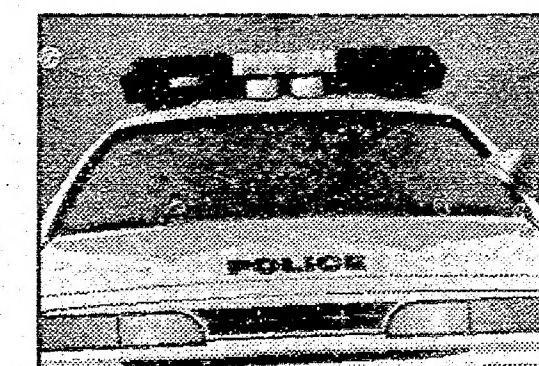
The holiday enforcement period, which began on

Monday, Nov. 21, will continue through Sunday, Nov. 27.

This will include joint sobriety and safety checkpoints for potential drunken drivers as well as seatbelt vio-

lators.

Sewickley officers remind drivers to "Buckle Up" every time to be here to enjoy the holidays with friends and family.



Road safety measures in place near Y

By Laura Hallemann

Staff writer

Sewickley Council adopted a resolution that will make a heavily traveled, dangerous intersection safer for pedestrians and motorists, alike.

SEWICKLEY

The intersection of Blackburn Road and Hill Street will see some new changes in the way of new caution signs erected and stop bars installed.

Because the intersection is located directly in front of the Sewickley Valley YMCA, pedestrian and vehicle traffic is heavy at times, with children being picked up or dropped off at the Y and people walking to their cars parked along Hill Street.

Residents will soon see



"stop bars" installed at the intersection of Blackburn Road and Hill Street and also at the exit in front of the YMCA.

"Yield to pedestrian" signs will be erected along Blackburn Road next to two new crosswalks that will be painted on the road, as well.

Approximately 75 feet of residential parking across

from the YMCA on Blackburn Road also will be removed to provide a better viewing distance for pedestrians and vehicles attempting to cross the roadway.

The recommended improvements culminated from a traffic study done by Trans Associates, which was paid for by the borough and YMCA.

QUAKER VALLEY

QVHS tennis courts get reconstruction repairs

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

The tennis courts at Quaker Valley High School's McNamara Park will be getting their much-needed repairs.

At last week's meeting, the board, although not unanimous in its vote, gave the OK for Allison Park Contractors to do the repair work on the courts as recommended by Eckles Architecture.

Quaker Valley's cost for the project is \$12,805. This covers the price of extending of the wall abutting the hillside.

Eckles will pay all other remedial project costs.

Board members Dr. Florence Iwler, Marianne Wagner and Gianni Florio did not lend their support to the motion. All three felt that since the firm is responsible for the design of the courts and the placement, Eckles should bear all of the cost.

"They need a message," said Iwler. "I'd like to be a part of that message."

The problem was caused by water draining from the hill side. The back corners of the court heaved as the water

snaked around the edges of the wall.

Had the 7-foot barrier been extended beyond the court on either side when it was first built, water would not have puddled and ruined the surface, said Dr. Joseph Marone, facilities director.

The cost for longer walls a year ago would have been nearly \$16,000.

For their portion of the project (totaling at least \$9,700), Eckles' contractors will cut and replace the layers of the court. They will add two more drains on either side of the court and rework the underground piping.

"We are watching," said Joan Murdoch, board president. "We've made that clear."

With this agreement between the district and the architects, litigation will not be necessary.

"I'm certain they will be aggressively attentive to the parameters of the project," said Pat Clair, district solicitor. "They don't want to fix it again."

Eckles is the design/construction firm for QV's two elementary school projects.

UPDATE

Attacker confesses to local assault in April

By Kate Canan

Staff writer

Wilbur C. Brown II, 43, of Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pa., has confessed to attacking a local woman who was walking her dog on Thorn Street and Academy Avenue in Sewickley on Friday, April 29, 2005, at 5:45 a.m.

The woman fought back and managed to escape by fleeing to Beaver Street.

A preliminary hearing took place yesterday, and was expected to be waived by Sewickley Police Chief John Mook.

Brown has already waived his right to a preliminary hearing in five other cases.

Brown was arrested on Aug. 22, 2005, in Jefferson County for allegedly raping or sexually assaulting as many as 13 women in Pennsylvania.

He is expected to stand trial for similar charges in Lancaster, Jefferson and Cumberland counties.

Brown had been employed with a construction company that operated all over the state.

At the time of the Sewickley assault, he had been working on a project in Moon Township and was staying at a local hotel.

Brown has been transferred to Western Pennsylvania, where he will remain jailed pending trials.

EDGEWORTH

Budget holds millage rate

By Kate Canan

Staff writer

Edgeworth's 2006 preliminary budget has been finished and will soon be available to the public at the borough building.

Real estate taxes will remain at 5.4 mills.

Revenues may be down a little because of income taxes. Marty McDaniel, borough manager, is expecting \$50,000 less next year.

While some expenses will remain the same, many are going up, including ambulance service, solid waste treatment and health care insurance.

A major sewage project is anticipated. It is estimated to cost about \$1 million.

"We're an older town," McDaniel said.

"When you dig a sewer line up, it's under the road, and there's utilities, gas lines, water lines. It's a big project."

Another expected increase will pay for the fire truck Edgeworth purchased last year. The truck cost \$330,000 and the borough still owes half of the price.

Edgeworth's final budget is expected to be ratified on Dec. 20.

Local boroughs deal with railroad remedies

By Laura Hallemann

Staff writer

It's a tale of two intersections.

Both are located along a stretch of Route 65 and both meet with railroad crossings. These intersections have become synonymous with danger.

ON THE TRACKS

In Leetsdale, the Ferry Street intersection is "ranked the most dangerous intersection in Pennsylvania," said Dan Slagle, Leetsdale engineer.

The major thoroughfare for tractor trailers and employees of Leetsdale Industrial Park, as well as residents living west of Route 65 in Leetsdale, the Ferry Street intersection sees an average daily traffic count of 5,421 vehicles, which must cross railroad tracks to reach their destination.

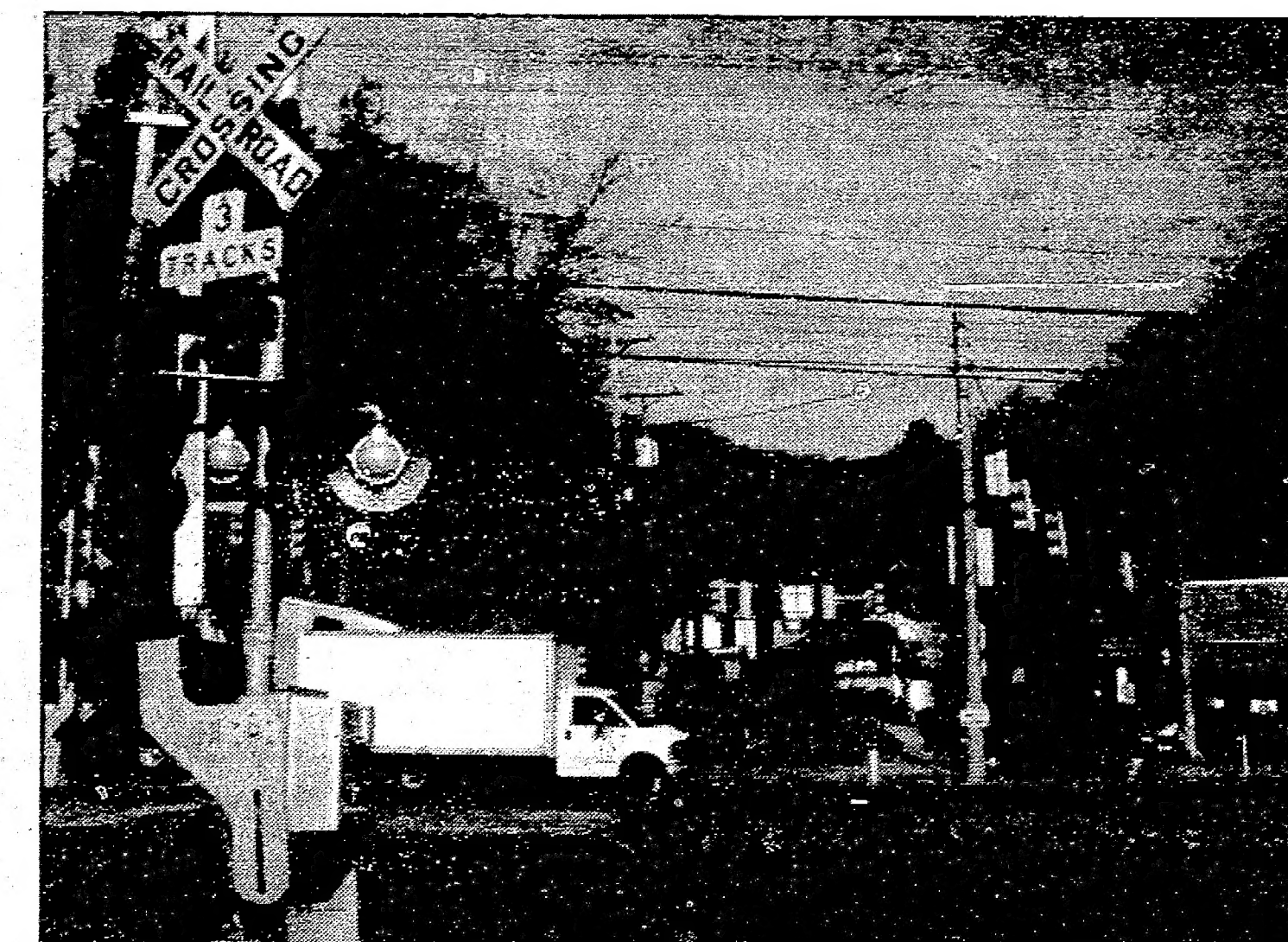
PennDOT statistics from 1999 to 2004 show a total of 12 accidents with no fatalities, with no accident data available for 2002, said Ron Krusienksi, assistant district traffic manager.

In September, however, a Pittsburgh man was killed at the intersection while waiting to make a left hand turn onto Ferry Street.

In Haysville, Route 65 and River Road is another dangerous intersection involving railroad tracks, with an average daily traffic count of 439 vehicles.

PennDOT statistics from 1999 to 2004 show a total of 15 accidents and one fatality. Again, no accident data was available for 2002.

However, just last month a train collided with the back of a tractor-trailer



THE HAYSVILLE intersection has presented some safety problems for motorists. Osborne council is discussing its options to accident proof the crossing.

Photo by Laura Hallemann

crossing the railroad tracks.

For the past 15 years borough officials have been pushing for something to be done to make for safer passage of vehicles across the railroad crossings in Leetsdale and Haysville.

Leetsdale is at long last seeing its ideal plan come to fruition.

PennDOT is set to bid out an overpass project farther north of Ferry Street to cross over Route 65 near the old Shaker's

Restaurant from Beaver Street. Construction on the overpass is set to begin in 2006.

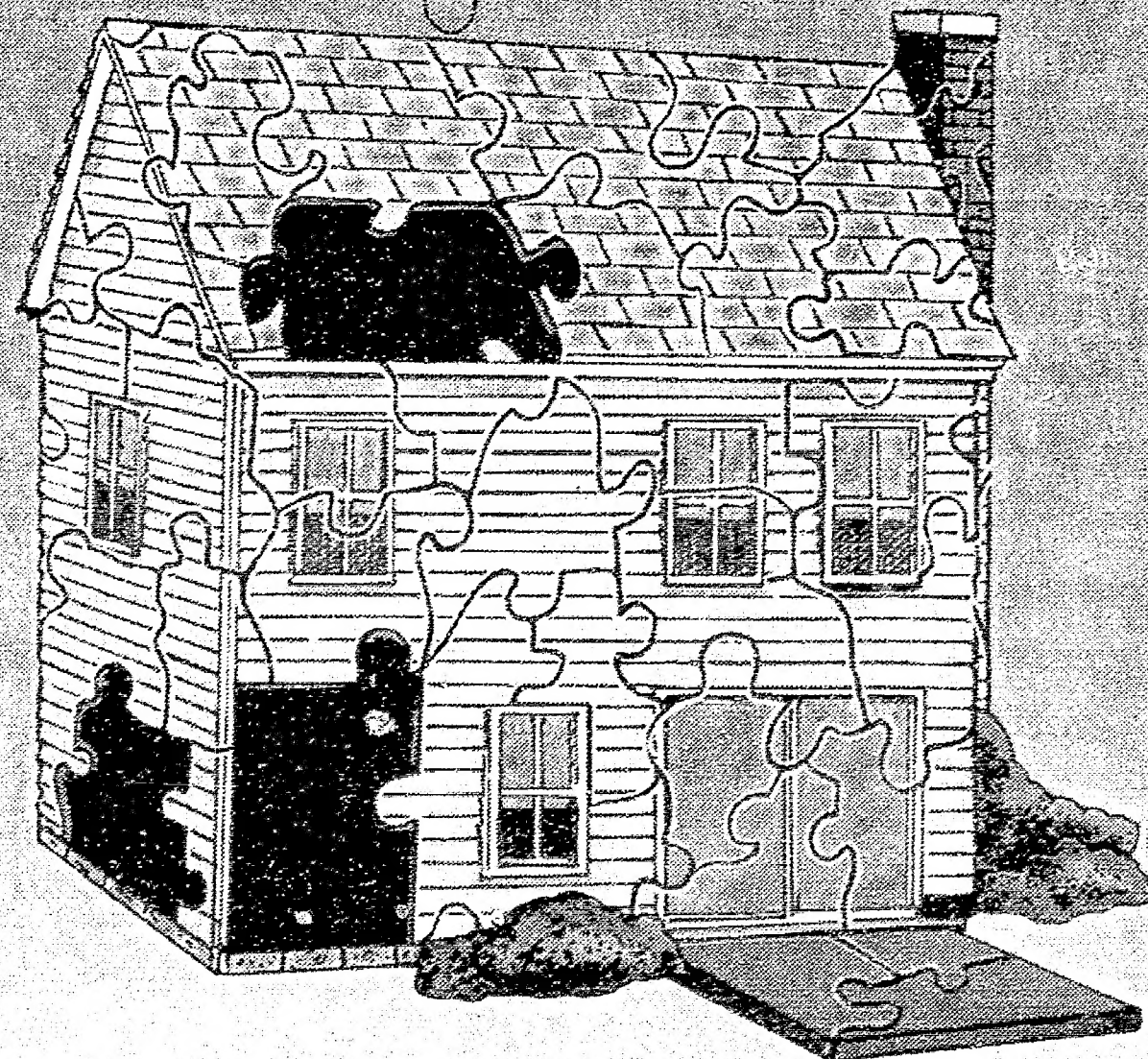
Slagle said there was some discussion with PennDOT to put a gate across the railroad crossing at Ferry Street, but PennDOT plans to eliminate the railroad crossing.

Elimination of the railroad crossing at the Haysville intersection is considered a

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OPINION

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Volunteers at Sewickley Community Center: What are you most thankful for?



MATT SZARAZ
Cleveland, Ohio

"... being able to work with the kids here at Sewickley Community Center."



JASON TRIVISONNO
Cleveland, Ohio

"... getting together with family and rooting for the Cleveland Browns."



VICTOR SILVA
Miami, Fla.

"... friends, family and love from all the people in the world."



KIRSTEN DICKMAN
Hermitage, Pa.

"... health of my family and friends."



APRIL MOGOR
Hermitage, Pa.

"... to be lucky enough to be getting an education at Robert Morris University."



See how to connect with your neighbors via Letters to the Editor on Page 9.

EDITORIAL

Reflect on, be grateful for blessings

With the pace of life these days, we all should be especially appreciative of the opportunity that Thanksgiving presents to slow down, pause and reflect on just how blessed we are.

Yes, Thursday's holiday can be hectic — for those who travel long distances to be with loved ones, as well as for those who put in long hours in the kitchen, preparing the feast to renew the tradition begun by the Pilgrims centuries ago.

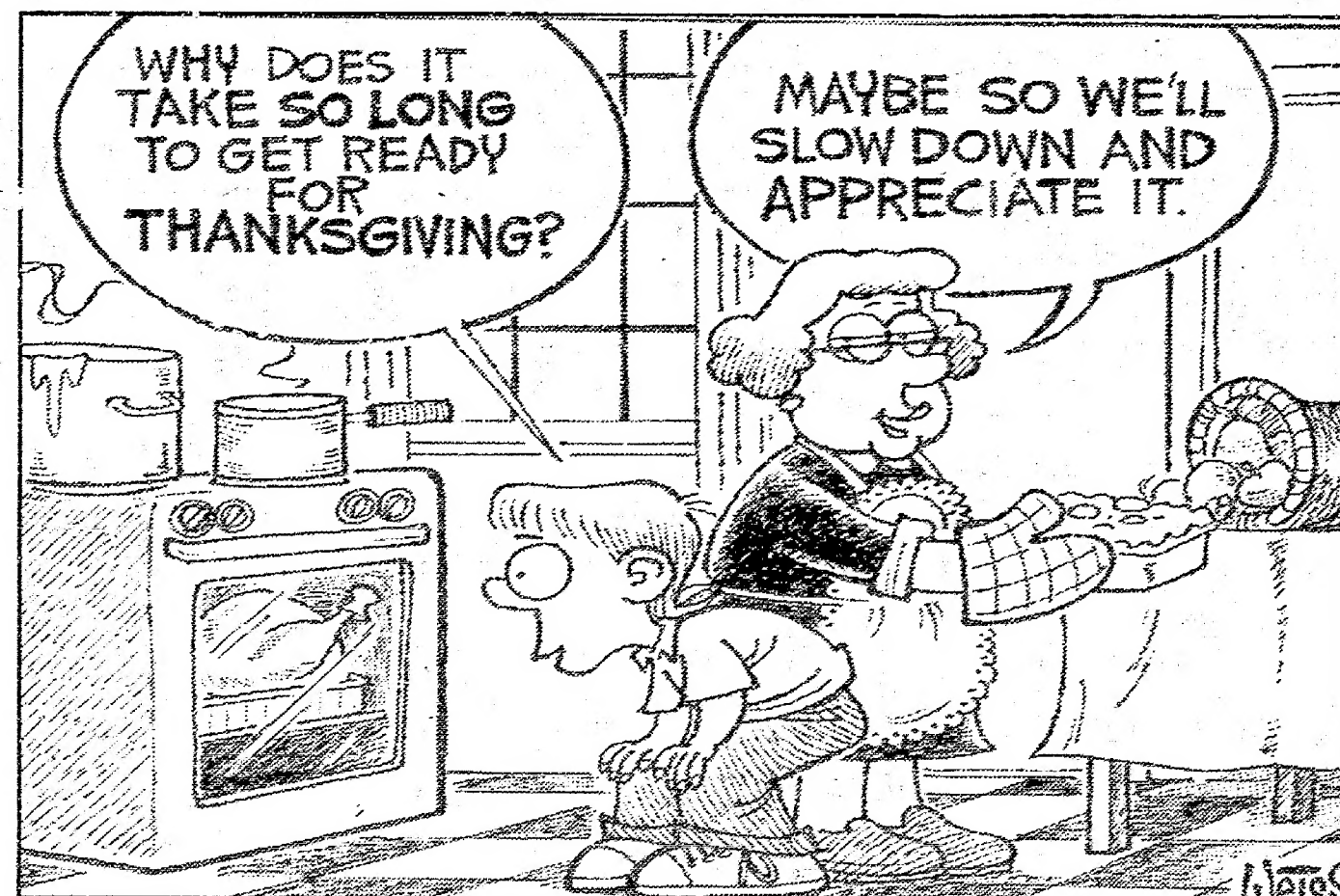
But once the travelers have arrived and the turkey is in the oven, we all should find at least a little quiet time to contemplate everything for which we should be grateful.

On Thanksgiving, think about those you hold dear and be thankful for loving family and loyal friends.

Think about the treasured memories created with each gathering around the holiday table and be thankful that this tradition brings us together each year.

Think about your Thanksgiving feast and what it represents — the bounty of the harvest, the rewards of hard work and faith — and be thankful for such blessings and for living in a nation that does not take those blessings for granted.

Think about all the conveniences and wonders of modern life and be thankful for the innovation, creativity and persistence that have made our lives so much easier than the lives of



those at the first Thanksgiving. They were so grateful to just survive in the New World.

Think about the yearning for religious freedom that brought the Pilgrims to this land and be thankful that in these United States, we all can believe and worship as we please.

Think about the beauty of nature and be thankful for all God's creatures, including the pets that brighten so many of our lives through their companionship and unquestioning love.

And as you contemplate your good fortune, be thankful for the spirit of

generosity and compassion, and think about how you might share your blessings with those who have not been quite so lucky as you have.

We hope you enjoy the holiday — food, family and even football — to the fullest.

But we hope you will view Thursday not just as a once-a-year good time, but as an occasion to be truly grateful for all those things that contribute to the richness of life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

By Alan Wallace
Gateway Newspapers editor

November 23, 2005

OPINION

Sewickley Herald Page 7

Academy graduate reflects on sportsmanship

Dear Editor:

I wish to commend Jon Paul Creese for writing about the unsportsmanlike behavior incident at the Sewickley Academy WPIAL soccer victory a couple of weeks ago.

I also want to apologize to the student in question and his family for keeping the story alive, which was started by last week's responders.

I am not all together sure that the lesson has been learned. Oh, I'm sure the student will never do something like this again. I'm hopeful he will learn from his behavior and act in an upstanding way in the future.

However, I don't think that the two parents who responded negatively to the reporting of the incident get the lesson here.

First of all, it should have ended with Mr. Creese's column. But it was continued in the "Letters to the Editor." That action is no less "interference" with the process than might be the original column. Hence my apology for keeping the thread alive in this letter.

The letters make comments like, "The incident...was not the real story of the day."

Another comment made notice that "the player involved had no impact on the game whatsoever...." One line says that "This event...is not news."

Finally, it is pointed out that this, somehow, was not objective reporting and that it was typical of the news media these days.

I could not be more in disagree-

ment.

First of all, the actual outcome of the game was reported. Appropriately nice things were said about the players and the outcome. I guess this was the news of the day.

Second, rather than make the story of the game a negative one, the Editor and Mr. Creese decided to use his column to comment on what was really the main news event, which is where it belonged. So there was certainly an evenhanded reporting of these two news items.

Third, would it really make any difference if the player in question was a star instead of a young substitute? Does it really matter what student did this?

If it had been the manager, it would be no less wrong. If it had been one of the captains, it would be no more right.

Now, about the unsportsmanlike incident. I can say that I had a "birds" eye view of it.

I was at the game as I had been for most of the SA playoffs. I was standing down at that end of the field and watched as this young fellow flipped off the other team while everyone was celebrating.

I couldn't believe it! I wondered where it came from. What could have prompted it? The game had been tough but pretty clean. But there it was.

LETTER TO EDITOR

You see, I went to the Academy. I started at QV and transferred to SA in 9th grade. I was not a notable athlete but participated in sports in various ways and certainly attended games.

My best friend was a player and he was with me at Elizabeth-Forward, along with his son. We have both coached youth soccer and agreed that this behavior would not have been tolerated in "our day."

In truth, the school did not tolerate the behavior and the player was, according to the letter from Win Palmer, suspended from playing and made to apologize to the Seton-LaSalle team.

While it would have been better if that also was reported by Mr. Creese, I feel that it is only in the letters written by the two parents — to disparage Mr. Creese's column — that this behavior has been relegated to lesser importance than who won or lost the "game." I happen to feel that the growth of a young person from child to responsible adult is the main charter of a school. We bemoan the fact that our children do not have strong moral behavior.

We say that schools are not teaching our young people how to have respect for their fellow human beings.

When I was at SA, these were important lessons. I was told to say "Sir" and "Miss" or "Mrs." I was told to say "please" and "thank you."

I was told that making negative comments to other players on the field was not good sportsmanship. This reinforced what I remember to be similar teaching at home.

The soccer game that day at Elizabeth-Forward was simply an adjunct to the learning process.

Sports are a way to help students learn teamwork, the benefits of hard work and, yes, good conduct in the heat of the moment.

The outcome, while possibly glorious, is secondary. It's how you handle the outcome that is paramount if we are to survive as a society.

That one incident WAS the real story of the day. That event IS news. And I hope that the actions of that one player have more impact on the lives surrounding him than the actual victory.

I again apologize to the young fellow involved. I don't even know his name. But his actions were of much more import than the game itself.

The parents that bemoan the fact that this was reported should, instead, be grateful if their own students learn something from this.

I hope they use it as a lesson to help their child grow.

I believe that good will come from this. I believe that SA will continue to teach the students "good behavior." I'm hopeful that they still hold these standards as high as my teachers and administrators did.

And I hope today's parents understand that this is what is most important.

Thanks to Jon Paul for pointing it out.

Matthew B. Green
Class of 1971

NOTICE

The Borough of Sewickley Municipal Offices will be closed on the following days during the holidays: Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25. The offices will open again on Monday, Nov. 28.

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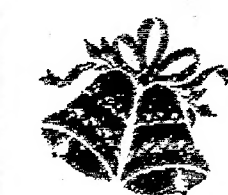
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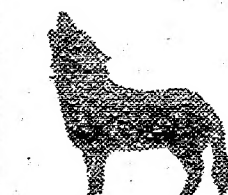
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Three cheers for BSA Troup 243

Dear Editor,

How thrilled I was to see the photo of BSA Troup 243 Eagle Scouts!

Again we were all reminded of just how very special Sewickley is, with so many fine young leaders who have achieved the highest level of scouting.

These boys have already done so much for their hometown community. They truly deserved their honors.

Both my father-in-law and his brother held Silver Beaver Awards in scouting, and my husband was camping chairman for the district, so I know a little about scouting.

I understand that only 2 percent of all boys who ever enter scouting become Eagle Scouts. To have 11 from Troup



243 is absolutely phenomenal in one class!

Therefore, I think we should also thank the dedicated leaders who made this wondrous achievement possible.

Mim Bizic
Coraopolis

Groups grateful for community response

Dear Editor,

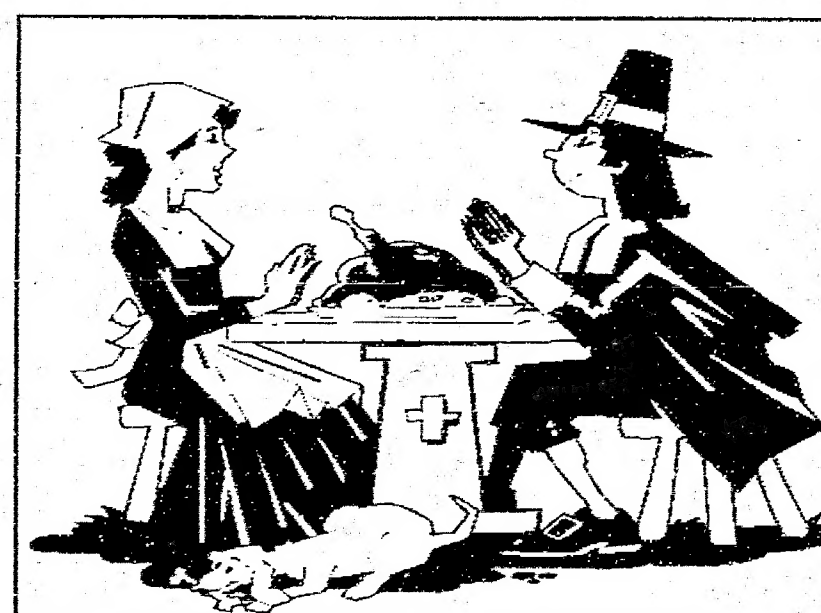
We would like our community to know that 72 families will sit down to a Thanksgiving Day dinner provided by the generosity of their more fortunate neighbors.

The Union Aid Society, with invaluable help from the Newcomers Club and Sewickley Valley YMCA is grateful to Safran's, Giant Eagle, the Sewickley Public Library, Quaker Valley High School volunteers for heavy lifting, Brownie Troop 379 and the Edgeworth School's First Grade for all of their contributions.

Extra food was donated to the Food Bank at the Sewickley Community Center, so it should be a Happy Thanksgiving for many!

Thanks also to you for getting the word out about the Food Drive, early and often.

It is truly gratifying to see how our community steps forward to help its neighbors.



Sincerely,
Eleanor Friedman and Carroll Logsdon of
Union Aid Society and
Marge Humphrey, Newcomers Club

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- Aleppo: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., 100 North Dr.
- Bell Acres: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Big Sew. Creek Firehall
- Edgeworth: 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building, Beaver Road
- Glenfield: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park
- Haysville: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Ave.
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- Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Osborne Elementary
- Sewickley COW: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30; • Sewickley: 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., in Sewickley Borough Building
- Sewickley Heights: 3rd Monday, 4:30, Borough Hall
- Sewickley Hills: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Rec. Building
- QV School Board: The board will hold its December meeting Dec. 6 at 8 p.m., in Quaker Valley Middle School.

ON THE TRACKS



LEETSDALE BOROUGH Council has spent years in studies to make the intersection safe.

Councils debate crossings

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best case scenario by Osborne council president John Hayes.

"It should disappear. I would like to see the termination of the intersection and instead have the road west of the railroad tracks extended to Glenfield for the safety of those who travel it.... Norfolk Southern is anxious to run trains a good deal faster through this section without interruption."

Although it is perhaps the safest plan, it could be a costly alternative to other options that PennDOT is considering for the intersection.

Others include constructing a pedestrian overpass across Route 65 or gates erected at the railroad crossing.

FYI

Staying in touch with neighbors

1) Call 412-388-5800 during business hours Monday-Friday with questions about articles.

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Faxes should include a phone number of a contact person.

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ing.

A left-turn lane at the intersection and traffic light was considered several years ago, but PennDOT concluded that, due to the geography of the intersection which includes a retaining wall along Beaver Street and the railroad crossing, it could not be done.

Although \$1.72 million of the Federal Transportation Bill was allotted to the Haysville intersection this year, Osborne Borough officials said it is insufficient to get rid of the railroad crossing.

"Yes, it's a nice sum of money, but it looks like it is only the beginning of another long process," said Hayes.

"The process will definitely outlive my term on council."



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4) Letters to the editor must include signature of the author and phone number for verification purposes.

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VETERANS DAY



ST JAMES students celebrated Veterans Day with State Sen. John Pippy. The children, teachers and school families recognized the day with an assembly that retired their old, tattered flag. It was replaced with a bright, new one, the old flag was presented to Mrs. Sexton, eighth grade teacher. The new flag, donated to the school by the Sewickley VFW, was raised by Joey Indovina and Pat Becht, eighth graders. The ceremony closed with "God Bless America."



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I can't believe Christmas is almost here! This year, I would really like to have my letter to you published in my local Gateway Community Newspaper. That would be really super. And, a \$25.00 gift card to Toys R Us wouldn't hurt!

I hope you'll be stopping by my house on Christmas Eve for some cookies and milk! I'll be sure to leave some treats for the reindeer, too.

Your friend,
Jake



Hey kids! Write your letter to Santa, send it to us and you might see it here in your local Gateway Newspapers and, you'll be entered to win a \$25.00 gift card to Toys R Us! Don't wait, send us your letter today!

Deadline to enter is December 5, 2005.

Entry Form

Name:

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Adult's Signature:

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ON THE MARCH



QVHS SOPHOMORE AnnieElizabeth Hague has organized a "Mistletoe March" to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, for her school project to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The march will begin at 6 p.m. at the Sewickley Borough Building and will end in Wolcott Park, after circling Sewickley. The Quaker Valley High School Barbershop Quartet will be caroling and remarks will be made by Hague (pictured above on left) and Leigh Ann Lubasky of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The price to take part in the holiday march is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and is free for children five and under. All proceeds will go to Make-A-Wish. Hague is asking local businesses to help raise additional funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and can be contacted at 724-251-9911 for more information.

HARRISBURG

Pippy, Mustio join forces on tax issue

Legislation spearheaded by state Rep. Mark Mustio (R-44) and Sen. John Pippy (R-37) to protect Allegheny County taxpayers from being hit with extreme tax hikes following countrywide reassessment was signed into law by the governor.

"There's no better place for real and substantive school property tax assessment reform to begin than right here at home in Allegheny County," said Mustio.

"This new law is designed to prevent huge jumps in tax bills that can tear apart a family budget, while providing municipalities and school districts with the latitude to cover legitimate expenses and emergencies, and explore all



available ways to reduce expenditures before raising taxes.

"I want to thank Senator John Pippy for working together with me to effectively and efficiently move this legislation through the general assembly to the governor's desk for final signature."

This new law (Act 71 of 2005) now requires municipalities and school districts in Allegheny County to establish revenue-neutral millage rates in the tax year immediately

following reassessment.

After this revenue-neutral millage rate is established, elected officials may take a second public vote to increase or decrease taxes, but the increase can be no more than 5 percent.

Any municipality or school district that violates these limitations would have to refund with interest any excess taxes paid by the taxpayers.

"Backdoor tax increases are now a thing of the past in Allegheny County," said Pippy.

"Act 71 guarantees accountability and will make sure that elected officials look to reduce expenses before voting to raise taxes."

November 23, 2005

NEIGHBORS

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INTRODUCTION

Area organizations in need of helping hands

By Michelle Brokenbok

Staff writer

Even for these Mother Hubbards fetching their poor doggies a bone isn't as easy as a trip to the cupboard.

The three major animal organizations in southwestern Pennsylvania — Animal Friends, Animal Rescue League and Western Pennsylvania Humane Society — are in a constant search for funding and helping hands to care for thousands of animals passing through their shelters each year.

With no local, county, state or even federal money directed their way, these animal advocates rely on the public's empathy and generosity.

At Gateway Newspapers we not only want to work with these groups in their missions but we also want to offer our readers a chance to be a part of the job being done.

Beyond presenting a listing of services needed at the animal organizations, our offices will be collecting donations of products that are continually in demand at the shelters.

The gathered items will be divided and delivered to the three

sites in time for the holidays.

For the next three weeks, stories will appear in each of our 20

community newspapers introducing neighborhood people who have found time to match up their

skills and resources with help needed at the shelters. The list of ways to assist is



MARK BERTON spends time with dogs from post-Katrina rescue camp.

almost as endless as the stream of animals abandoned.

With so many charities pulling at societal purse strings, it may be comforting to know that help can be given in many other ways than monetarily.

Our stories will highlight some avenues for donation and volunteerism while hopefully opening minds to consider "how can I help?"

The answer may surprise you. Opportunities exist for volunteers who can aid with pet grooming, kennel maintenance and education tours.

Help also is welcomed for shelter-to-school programs or behind the scenes work like clerical and phone duties.

Maybe a more hands-on approach would fit like dog walking and cat cuddling.

Whether your help develops into a longer-term commitment of volunteerism or a one time dropping off of pet supplies at our offices, it will be a win-win situation for you and some new furry friends.

It's a chance to share our comforts with these creatures.

REACHING OUT

Many ways readers can aid another of God's creatures

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

1800s C.F. Anderson hymn

By Michelle Brokenbok

Staff writer

At this, the beginning of the holiday season, there is more than the usual bit of wonder about our individual place in the bigger scheme of life.

With all our blessings and privileges there comes a sense of duty to reach out. It is an understanding arrived at in our local areas by thousands of volunteers and dedicated workers who recognize there is more than just a human presence here.

They know they can make a difference in an animal's life whether by administering medical care, finding a welcoming home or even by giving a last few days of peace to a struggling creature whose life must be mercifully ended.

There are just as many reasons to



want pets, as there are legitimate rationalizing for the need to give them up. And these workers understand that.

We have gone from being paired as "owners and pets" to become "guardians and companions."

It's more than just words. The coupling reflects a change in attitude toward animal welfare — humane versus expedient, understanding versus judgment.

The three organizations that Gateway Newspapers is featuring during our Creature Comfort series tend to the overpopulation of abandoned, neglected and stray animals in our surrounding counties.



DOUG CARDER volunteers five days per week at the Animal Rescue League.

Each agency has nearly the same mission, just maybe a different approach.

Surely at least one of these will appeal to your sense of compassion

and offer opportunities to help another of God's creatures.

Animal Friends

The factor that distinguishes Animal Friends from other organizations is its 62-year-old no-kill philosophy.

Less than 1 percent of the animals taken in are euthanized, according to Elizabeth Johnston, marketing director at the agency. And that is only after desperate measures to rehabilitate or nurse them back to health.

A strong educational program is in place to get the word out on pet care and responsibilities.

The agency relies heavily on volunteers, who last year gave more than 125,000 hours. Animal Friends like its two counterparts is spread out in all directions with kennels, shelters and foster homes.

The holding areas were a respite for more than 2,300 animals that were adopted last year.

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REACHING OUT

Many ways you can help animals

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The needs at the shelter continue to grow and the organization is looking forward to moving into a new building on Camp Horne Road, north of the city, this spring.

An addition of a medical suite means animals will not have to be sent to veterinarian offices. All neutering and spaying, which is always done, will now be taken care of onsite.

Large open public areas are included in the 30,000-square-foot facility since Johnston says some people are uneasy and may become overwhelmed about coming into a traditional shelter to check out a pet for adoption.

The bright lighting and spacious 13.5-acres will alleviate that hesitation and add to the psychological wellness of the animals, too.

Animal Friends - 2643 Penn Ave. - Strip District
412-566-2103 - www.animal-friends.org

Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania

Even after nearly 100 years, the league still receives more than 8,000 abandoned animals annually. Many of them come to the shelter by way of the City of Pittsburgh's department of animal control.

The city contracts the rescue group as a repository for picked-up strays.

That can be a good thing, according to Mark Berton, communications director, as the rescue league's single location makes it easier for residents to search for lost pets and it also is an accessible place for those who want to find a new best friend.

Everything is done possible to care for animals left in the league's charge. Workers administer temperament tests and medical check-ups in their clinic before pronouncing an animal ready for the adoption floor.

Animals who are ill are nursed back to health, and those who need to work on their manners may be sent to one of more than 400 foster homes.

"We have an incredible foster program. People open their homes and resources." It isn't rare, Berton says, that someone will take home a whole litter of kittens, even when they must be fed with an eyedropper until old enough to eat on their own.

It's not just a cat-and-dog world either.

There are very dedicated rabbit volunteers who see to it that the supply of bunnies is cared for and their area kept clean.

City workers also are always bringing wildlife that has wandered too close to encroaching humans. Possums



"READING WITH Rover" is an Animal Friends program. Here Matthew practices reading with volunteer Gloria Beyer.

and raccoons are often caught when reported by frightened residents. More exotic specimens are also captured.

The league maintains a wildlife center in Verona that takes in such animals deemed safe. It keeps them at the habitat, using some in its education department or releasing them back into the wild when appropriate.

Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania
6620 Hamilton Ave. - Point Breeze/East Liberty
412-661-6452 - www.animalrescue.org

Western Pennsylvania Humane Society

Just about the time she thought she had heard it all, Lee Nesler, executive director of the humane society, listened flabbergasted at the woman abandoning her pet dog at the shelter.

It seems she had just remodeled her home and the cute little pup no longer matched the decor. Its shedding of white hair on the new dark carpeting just wasn't acceptable.

Western Pennsylvania Humane Society has an open-door policy, but this one was hard to take.

The incident has not, however, kept Nesler from understanding why people need to leave a pet. The reasons are numerous and part of life at the shelters. Between 13,000 and 15,000 animals come in each year.

Three full-time and two part-time humane officers are kept busy throughout the counties.

Last year they worked on 1,404 cases of suspected abuse and neglect, 1,267 of neglect and abuse, 1,627 follow-ups, issued 136 citations and rescued 334 animals.

Like the other groups, Nesler houses pets at local Petco and PetSmart stores. The stores have adopted out 400 of her cats since mid-April of this year.

PetSmart, which does not sell animals and instead gives space to non-profit animal organizations, has found homes for more than 2 million animals nationwide.

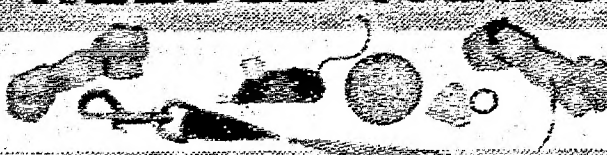
Animals that can not be placed because of temperament or medical problems are given a humane end.

After considerable testing, the shelter may have to euthanize. Other shelters, Nesler says, have the choice to handpick what animals they take in and judge what kind is suitable for a future home. The humane society does not have that luxury.

Nesler says she feels fortunate that she can offer some of these animals shelter and care during their last days. "It's a very emotional job and can take its toll sometimes."

Western Pennsylvania Humane Society
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For further information, call 412-856-7400, ext. 178.

WORKSHOPS

Watson Institute hosts seminars on autism

The Watson Institute will hold the following workshops throughout the school year for professionals, teachers and others touched by a child with autism.

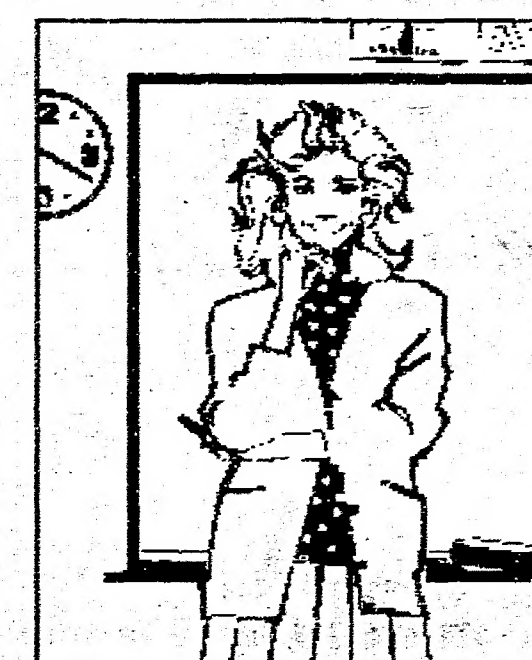
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• "Promoting Positive Behavior for Students with Autism" on Dec. 2, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cost is \$45.

• "Strategies for Supporting Students with Autism and Asperger's Disorder in the Regular Classroom" on March 3, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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• "Educational Aspects of Nonverbal Learning Disabilities" on March 17, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost is \$85.

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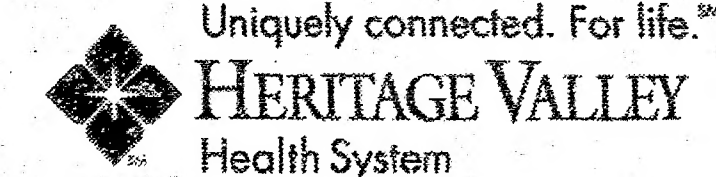
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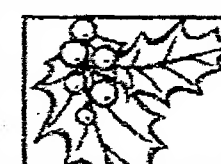
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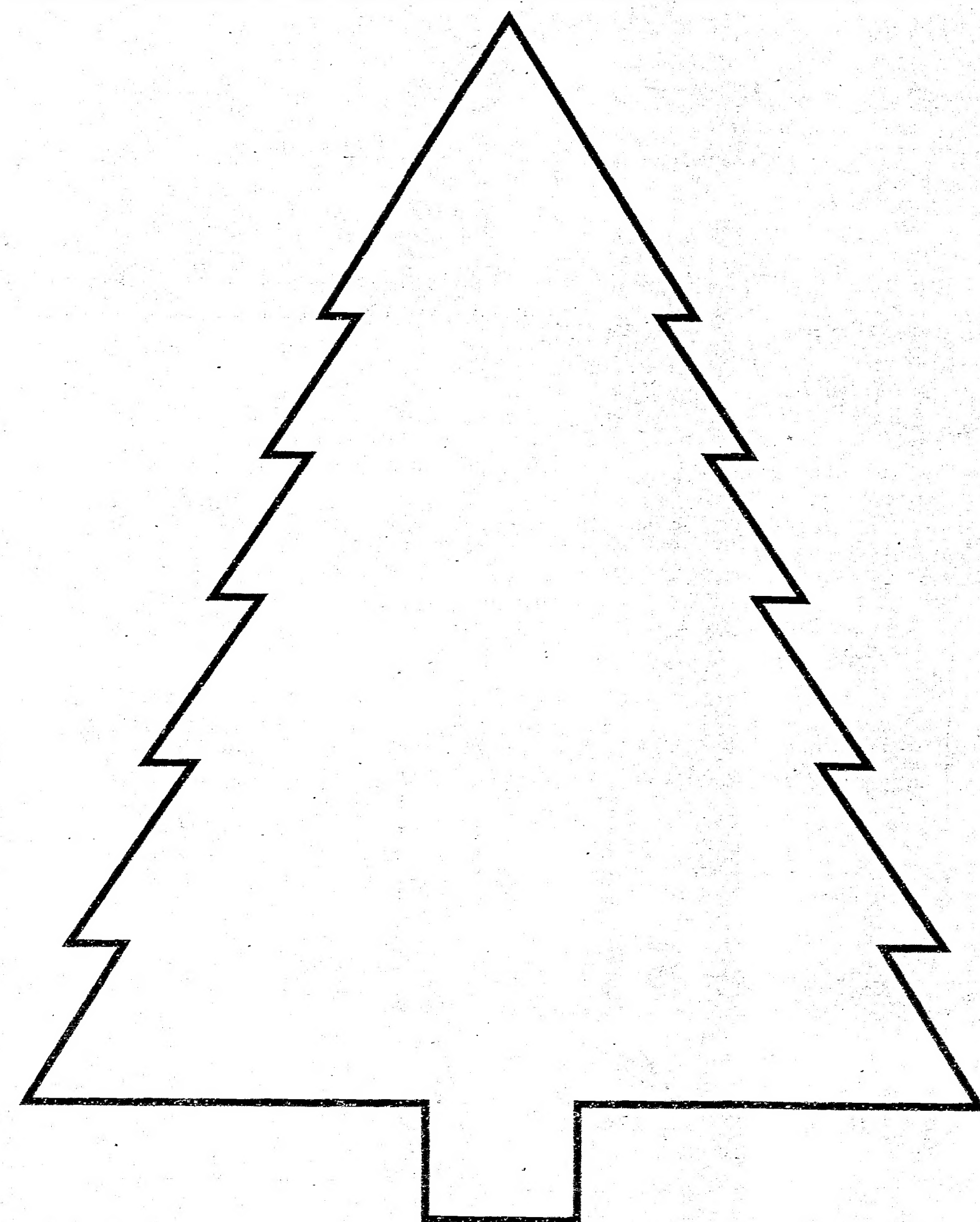
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HISTORY REVISITED

Capture of Jacob Nicely

By Milana K. Bizic
Herald contributor

For 228 years the fascinating true-life story of a five-year-old white boy kidnapped in 1775 by Wyandot Indians and torn from all that was dear to him has been told many times, but always without a conclusion.

However, the Sewickley Valley Historical Society and the Daniel B. Matthews Historical Society have teamed up this month to bring residents of Sewickley "the rest of the story."

The joint meeting of the SVHS and the DBMHS will be held in the Sewickley Public Library's Community Room at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Author Ronald Earl Nicely will share his tale of the conflicts and captures during the time period from 1760-1790.

Nicely particularly focuses on the capture of Jacob Kneisle and his remarkable life thereafter.

Jacob was known by his Indian name of "Tsu-Ka-We" or just "Crow," because of the distinctive sound to his crying.

Crow became a skilled deer hunter, married four times and lived among the Seneca at Sandusky, Ohio. He traveled to a reservation in Oklahoma, an arduous journey of 1,000 miles.

The author Ronald Nicely was born and raised in the area of Ligonier Township. He served in the U.S. Army and earned a bachelor of science degree in business from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and secured a job at Kennemetal, where he retired after 35 years, serving the last 25 years as business forecaster.

His book was published in 2004 in cooperation with Trafford Publishing, Victoria, BC, Canada.

After years of genealogical research, author Nicely was able to locate the original valley homesite and the capture site, which led to learning more about the history in and around the Four-Mile Run region of the Ligonier Valley.

He is a member of the Westmoreland County Historical Society and the



Ligonier Valley Historical Society and serves as a volunteer docent at Historic Compass Inn Museum in Laughlintown, Pa.

"The area around the southwestern part of Pennsylvania was a war zone and under attack from the British, renegade whites and the Indians. Each group had its own reasons for fighting a war with the colonists in this area," Nicely writes.

"The Indians were being pushed farther west after being forced out of the eastern section of America. Finally, they decided they had lost enough land and would be pushed no farther.

"Settlers in southwest Pennsylvania were fighting to maintain property they had farmed and developed, over a 10-15 period of time, prior to the start of the Revolutionary War. It was a difficult time for all parties."

Nicely will explain how bloodthirsty resentment and brutal fighting nevertheless sometimes led to unexplained incidents of kindness.

Guests also will learn about Indian troubles approaching our own Big Sewickley Creek's headwaters, where the body of Jacob Frantz and his 18-year-old lame daughter, Sophie, were tomahawked and scalped, their cabin burned to the ground.

Jacob's other daughter and two other men were carried off by the Indians.

The library is located at Broad and Thorn streets, Sewickley.

CHILD HEALTH PRESENTS



TAKING A bow for Friday night's performance of an Austin Powers' spoof at the Edgeworth Club.

Groovy Sewickley

Every bird and gent congregating at La Grande Marquee disco (and the Edgeworth Club) had a great time at Child Health Association of Sewickley's fund-raiser, "Groovy Sewickley," last week.

The Austin Powers' spoof, written by Diane Tito and directed by Dolores Manuel, played out the mid-1960s yet again for everyone's enjoyment. The music, directed by Joe Domencic, brought back memories. And each step, lyric and line from our local talent brought smiles to the audience.

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TALENTED ANNIE Singer as Dr. Evila wanted to begin her goal of world domination by becoming president of Child Health.

Photos by D.S. Dreeland and Tim Edmonson



THE DUET by Joan Murdoch and Peter Tedesco was a crowd pleaser.



ANDY CLEM as Austin Powers saved Sewickley from Dr. Evila's plot.



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IN OUR TOWN

Mayor brings Toys for Tots campaign to Leetsdale

The Allegheny County Boroughs Association, in conjunction with the U. S. Marine Corps, is collecting Toys for Tots.

Pete Poninsky, Leetsdale Borough mayor and Allegheny County Boroughs Association 1st vice president, will deliver them to the Boroughs Association for the Marine Corps to collect.

Toy donations will be accepted at the Leetsdale Borough Building, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. before Dec. 2.

Christmas at Old Economy

On Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 8:30 p.m., Old Economy Village opens its doors to holiday guests.

Stroll along lantern-lit streets to the accompaniment of Christmas music played by the Village 1830s Orchestra, sample German fare, watch traditional tradesmen work their craft and shop for holiday treats in the Museum Store.

Families will enjoy a magic lantern show and a puppet theatre performance at our Kinderhaus, or children's house, and there is even a 1905 silent movie version of "The Night before Christmas." Visit a model Nativity Scene depicting Old Economy Village in the 18th century Moravian Christmas tradition.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 4-17. For more information, call 724-266-4500, Ext. 115.

ON THE CALENDAR

Programs upcoming on club schedules

The Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley welcomes The Pittsburgh Opera Company to its Monday, Dec. 5, meeting.

The group will perform holiday selections.

Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. Luncheon reservations can be made by calling 412-741-8500.

Applications for membership are available at the front desk or by calling 412-741-3030.

Members of the Sewickley Music Club will gather for "Celebrate the Season" with a brass quintet, featuring members of the Pittsburgh Symphony, at the Edgworth Club on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

This event will be hosted by the executive board members.

The club was founded in 1921 to bring the best of musicians and vocalists to Sewickley.

Officers for this year are Cordelia Jacobs, president; Charlotte Bober, vice president; SallyAnn Cortese, secretary; and Florence Nesaw, treasurer.

For more information, call a club member.

The Senior Men's Club will not meet this Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Friday, Dec. 2, members will welcome Dwight White, former Pittsburgh Steeler, to their meeting at Sewickley Valley YMCA.

The club meets each Friday at the YMCA on Blackburn Road.

Members gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation. Programs begin at 10.

Area retired men are invited to attend the meeting and to join the club.

Faith in Action concert

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, Valley Care Association will sponsor Pittsburgh's famous River City Brass Band at the Sewickley United Methodist Church, Broad and Thorn streets.

Proceeds will benefit Faith in Action.

The program this year will include the Moon Area High School Chamber Ensemble, which begins at 6:45 p.m.

The River City Brass begins its performance at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket cost is \$25 per person and \$20 per person for seniors (60 and older).

Included in the cost of the ticket is the warm-up performance by the chamber ensemble and the reception afterwards.

For tickets, call Marge Rychel at 412-264-7494.

Tickets also will be sold at the Sewickley YMCA, Penguin Book Shop and Party Ants.

A maximum of 300 tickets (for comfortable seating) will be available for the program.

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"Leave the Rest to Us"

WIDE, WIDE WORLD

SA student's vacation offers lessons, new dream

By Kate Canon

Staff writer

While most high school students were enjoying their summer vacations,

Sewickley Academy's Vik Pisipati was volunteering three weeks of his time in Guatemala.

Both of his parents are natives of India and still maintain strong family ties, causing the young 17 year old to visit that country seven times.

"It's an amazing country but it also has a lot of poverty, and you definitely see a completely different way of living," Vik says.

Because of his experiences in India and other poverty-stricken countries he's visited, he wanted to do anything he could to help.

Having done a lot of community service in the area, he wanted to get more out of it. He had never traveled to a foreign country alone before, but it was something he had wanted to do for a long time.

Vik began online research for a group that would provide him with an opportunity to go overseas. He found Cross Cultural Solutions. Pisipati and then sent letters to friends and family, explaining what he intended to do and fund-raised \$1,900 of the \$2,950 of his expenses.

And with that, he was off to Guatemala.

He wasn't nervous initially about traveling to a foreign country, but he was a little apprehensive about the people he would be staying with: He had never met any of them before.

"I didn't know the kind of people I would meet down there. I didn't know if they'd be my age. But when I got



HE'S NOT heavy. He's Gerardo, a young boy with autism at the Guatemalan orphanage where Vik Pisipati spent three weeks this summer.

down there, I fit right in and made friends."

He had expected things to be a lot different in Guatemala and he was not disappointed.

"As soon as you walk out of the airport, you see a lot of indigenous peo-

ple," he says. "There's already a culture shock."

Women were everywhere in brightly-colored hand-woven clothing, carrying their children around while trying to sell little toys and trinkets.

There were small, broken-down

houses surrounded by barbed wire on unpaved dirt roads.

His group's reception in the Central American country was mixed.

For the most part, the Guatemalans are used to having international people come and help, so they were open to the group when members visited buildings that volunteers frequented on a regular basis. On the street, it was a different story. While the majority of the Guatemalans seemed indifferent to them, some would point and scream "Gringo!" as they were walking.

Because Guatemala had a civil war less than five years ago, tensions still ran high in many areas.

Taking simple trips to the grocery store were dangerous activities, something the volunteers were reminded of when they saw three guards armed with machine guns standing in the front of the building.

"The crime rate has really been going up lately, so you have to be careful. That region is one of the more dangerous countries in terms of robberies and gang activities," he says.

"We had to keep our wallets in our front pocket, travel in groups and had a house curfew of 11 p.m. on weekdays."

On another occasion, there was a protest where swarms of students marched around a court, holding signs about not wanting any more blood shed. Vik's not certain, but he believes the protest was about capital punishment.

The students were surrounded by more than 100 armed guards. The protest took place about two blocks

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WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Old world, young children inspire student's future

away from where he and his group was staying. Despite the political problems, his group did not run into any problems.

Vik was surprised to see how many Guatemalans continue to practice their native customs and considered himself lucky to have taken some Spanish classes, because that was the only language spoken.

"It definitely improved down there because you're forced to speak it," he says. "A lot of the people I was with didn't speak any, so they really struggled. They had to pick up pieces of Spanish here and there."

The 20-person volunteer group split their duties in the country. Some worked in AIDS clinics while others worked in schools. Vik worked in an orphanage with two other volunteers.

The orphanage was run by Catholic sisters and was occupied by children with mental and physical problems, including autism and cerebral palsy.

He came into Guatemala knowing almost nothing about either disease but learned a lot through constant interaction with the children.

Another challenge Vik faced was finding ways to connect with the children because most of them were unable to speak. He went to the orphanage almost every day to feed the children and take them to the parks to play.

Although he couldn't speak to them, he found different ways to get through to them and made bonds he will never forget.

Ludwin, one of the children he



STAFF AND volunteers, such as Vik Pisipati, of the orphanage care for mentally and physically challenged children.

worked with, was a quadriplegic, but he had an amazing talent of painting by holding a paintbrush in his mouth. The gifted artist painted Vik a picture to take home with him on the day he left.

Gerardo provided him with the most rewarding experience. Born with autism, Gerardo was in a wheelchair because he was unable to straighten his legs. A physical therapist was working with him and put braces on his legs to help him walk. Vik was among those who saw him take his very first steps.

His experience with the children has even led him to rethink his plans for the future. While he always wanted to be in medicine, Vik is now looking toward fields where he can go into surgery. In Guatemala, he watched the surgical miracles that helped children

to walk again. He's now looking at the Peace Corps as a possible future career.

"I hadn't worked with kids before that and it's really taught me a lot about kids who are living with autism and diseases like that," he says.

"You couldn't talk to the kids because they weren't able to talk, but you really start to become close to them by the end of three weeks. You would interact and be friends. It was really interesting to see."

Although most of his days were filled with hard work, Vik had his fair share of adventures. While several people go bungee jumping, not many try the approach his group used.

Each participant ran and jumped off a 300-foot bridge and were tied to a van. Because there was no motor to pull them up, someone would just

drive the car to pull them back onto the bridge.

He also explored the Mayan ruins in Yaxha Naranjo, the same location "Survivor: Guatemala" was being filmed. He even visited the area where the tribal council meets every week.

During the second weekend in country, Vik and five others took a six-hour drive to the middle of the rainforest and rented a bungalow equipped with six cots surrounded by mosquito nets. In the middle of the night, it started to rain.

"I've never seen rain like that in my life," he laughs. "It's called a rainforest for a reason. It was really cool."

Vik is still in contact with many of the people he traveled with; They have become lifelong friends. He believes everyone remains so close because of their similar character traits.

"In order for a person to go down there and devote their time, they have to be a certain kind of person," he explains. "I think when you meet a lot of people like yourself and you click automatically."

The Sewickley Academy student feels his experience in Guatemala enhanced his life in many ways. In fact, Vik is already planning different ways to fund-raise for a trip to Tanzania next year.

"I think a lot of people get the bubble effect — when they're kind of sheltered and don't know what's going on outside of their own country," he says.

"I think when you out of the country, I really got an appreciation for another culture. It was an awesome experience, definitely one of the best things I've ever done."

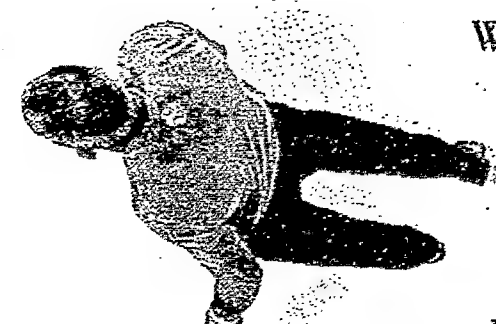
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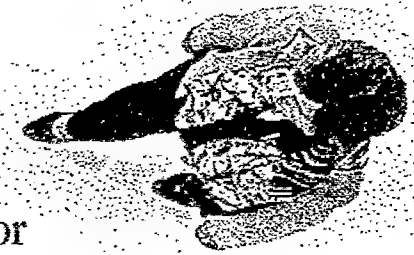
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UPCOMING

Jugglers host family night

Quaker Valley Middle School Juggling Club is presenting its third annual Family Juggling Night and Juggling Competition on Thursday, Dec. 1.

From 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium of the middle school, guests are invited to try out the club's juggling equipment and then watch students compete for cash prizes as they show off their juggling skills.

Admission is free, and everyone who comes has a chance to win one of a dozen door prizes.

The QVMS Juggling Store will be selling a variety of juggling items just in time for the holidays.

The middle school is located at 201 Graham St., Sewickley.

A Christmas Fair

Old Economy Village is offering a special holiday treat for classroom students and home school groups.

The theme for this year's Christmas Time for Children Program is "The Christmas Fair."

This seasonal program is offered Monday through Friday, Nov. 28, until Dec. 16.

Students will have fun learning about 19th century traditions.

They will listen to "The Christmas Fair" story, play with 19th century toys, visit the Museum of Natural History, learn an original Harmonist school song to sing to Belsnickel and make a craft.

A party with grumpy Belsnickel will conclude the visit.

The tour is geared to preschool through first grade students.

Tours are offered at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cost per student is \$4; one teacher with every 15 students is free.

For reservations, call 724-266-4500, Ext. 115.

Holiday Wishes

I WANT IT! Holiday can bring case of 'The gimmies'

By Chandra Orr, Copley News Service

With a constant bombardment of commercials and the sheer anticipation of Santa's visit, kids can quickly develop a case of "The Gimmies." But the last thing parents should do is give in. From tantrums in the toy store to incessant nagging, children have a host of nerve-rattling tricks at their disposal. With the right game plan, however, parents can easily combat the holiday wish list frenzy.

"Kids have giant consumer appetites starting as young as they can speak," said Stacy DeBroff, author of "The Mom Book: 4,278 of Mom Central's Tips -- For Moms, From Moms" (\$20, Free Press).

Setting and enforcing limits are the keys to keep-

ing kids off of Santa's naughty list. The pressure to get the latest game or gadget is enough to make any parent lose their resolve, but parents should never give in to their child's impulsive demands, DeBroff said.

Getting one more gift to appease the little one quickly puts the child in control. And buying a coveted toy to get the tantrum to stop is likely to backfire. "Let the child know that you have reasonable limits, that no amount of whining, pleading, cajoling or begging is going to get you to make an impulsive purchase," DeBroff said.

Enforcing limits is perhaps easier said than done. An all-out, stomp-the-floor, red-faced crying fit in the middle of the mall has a

way of changing things. Guilt, frustration and impatience can quickly weaken a parent. But no matter how bad things seem, giving in will only make it worse.

"Kids will pull out all the stops. They will say, 'You must not love me because you didn't buy this,' and we hate to think that we are depriving our kids. We tend to cater to our kids and guilt feeds into that," DeBroff said.

"A generation ago parents would have said, 'No, it's not up for discussion.' Now parents have this whole lengthy discussion which opens the door for a possible change of heart.

They're actually letting the child control the holiday gift buying limits. Parents feel that they are

stretching the limits of their generosity, but their kids are labeling them as selfish. As parents, we need to turn that around so that's not the way the child thinks about it."

Letters to Santa are the ultimate teaching tools.

Children learn to prioritize their wants and needs and become part of the decision-making process.

Whether at home or in the store, any urges immediately get added to the list. Later, children can prioritize the gifts.

Impulse desires move to the bottom, while the most coveted gifts go at the top of the list. Older children seeking big-ticket items will learn to make compromises: Are they willing to forgo a few little gifts in favor of one expensive item?

"Children have to think about what they care about and what they want. They understand that Santa can't get everything. This is a way to teach children to set priorities and, starting at around age 9, kids can really make trade-offs. At that age, they have really strong preferences for what they like, so give them three choices. They will usually pick one because they are forced to evaluate the comparative value of those things."

Such activities engage children in the gift-giving process. They may get fewer surprises, but they will have fewer disappointments on Christmas morning, DeBroff said.

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Holiday Wishes

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How to keep those cards and letters rolling in

By Molly Parker, Copley News Service

They may deliver in rain, sleet or hail, but the U.S. Postal Service can't do a thing with your mail until you stamp and seal it for delivery.

Mail officials are suggesting that you mail any packages early if you want to ensure your letters and boxes full of holiday cheer will arrive by Christmas Day to destinations within the United States.

"Traditionally, the week prior to Christmas everyone realizes, 'Oh my gosh, it's here,' and the Monday prior is almost always our busiest mailing day," said Michael Clark, manager of finance for the U.S. Postal Service's Peoria, Ill., branch.

In the span between Christmas and New Year's, more than 20 billion cards, letters and packages will be shipped across the country, and overseas, he said.

To ensure your mail reaches an out-of-town destination by Christmas, the Postal Service offers



first-class mail, priority mail and express mail.

For all mail, Clark said following a few simple mailing rules can help avoid unnecessary headaches for you and others as the Postal Service attempts to deliver your packages with care.

Those include not sending odd-shaped objects in first-class envelopes. Items such as pens or earrings can tear up the machines and then tear up other people's mail.

Most of all, Clark advised a little patience as millions of pieces of mail roam the countryside this holiday season. Postal employees are doing "everything we can to protect your stuff," Clark said.

Though Santa Claus may be able to traverse the world in only one night and swoop down chimneys by

or earrings, in first-class envelopes. Your mail will likely be rejected and sent back to you. Use a padded envelope instead.

— If you send a card in an odd-shaped envelope, remember that it costs 12 cents extra to do so.

Most cards indicate whether extra postage is required, but if you forget, the recipient may end up being asked to pay the extra postage.

— Write, type, or print the complete address neatly.

— Always use a complete return address.

— Make sure you're using the ZIP code. If you don't know it, don't guess.

Go to www.usps.com to find ZIP codes and locate post offices -- and any other place that sells stamps in your area, like grocery stores or ATMs.

— The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses.

simply touching his nose, postal employees are, after all, only human.

TIPS FROM THE MAIL ROOM

— When sending a package, make sure the box is properly secured. Use a sturdy box, strong tape and, if sending fragile items, proper cushioning.

Do not use string or twine to put the box together.

— Inside your package, put a list of the things you are sending, as well as your address and that of the intended recipient.

If your box falls apart during delivery, the post office will be more likely to reassemble it.

— Do not send cash. Sending a check or money order is safer and easier to recover if lost.

— Do not put odd-shaped items, such as pens

— Remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box.

For questions regarding express mail or priority mail, call (800) 222-1811. For all other post office information, call (800) 275-8777 (ASK-USPS).

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St. Paul's Lutheran holds Thanksgiving Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a Thanksgiving worship Service, including a special ceremony with the traditions of Thanksgiving, tonight (Wednesday) at 7.

The church is located at 616 Washington St., Sewickley. The Rev. Thomas Moog is pastor.

All are welcome to attend.

At First Church

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, will hold its Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

The service will open with a hymn, followed by a Lesson-Sermon starting with the quote from Revelation: "... Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

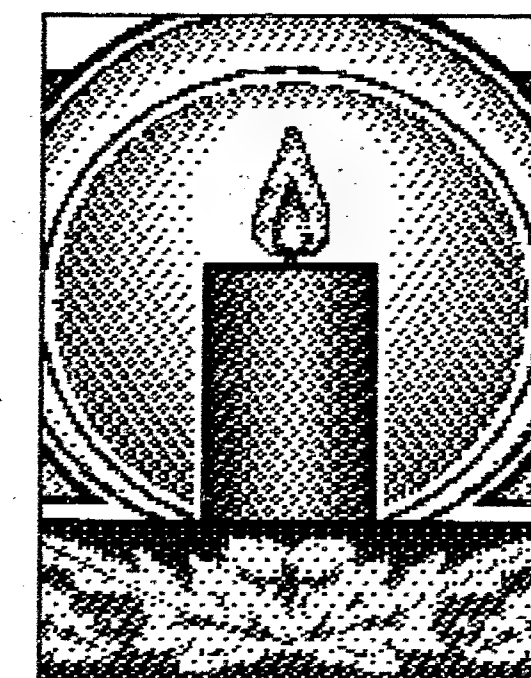
No collection will be taken. Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday is titled "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced" and will open with a quotation from Isaiah: "For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is

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stretched out and who shall turn it back?"

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service are on Wednesdays beginning at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Troy Sligh is pastor.

For more details, call the church at 417-741-7688.

Advent observance

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will observe the Advent season beginning Sunday, Nov. 27, and throughout December in preparation for the celebra-

tion of Christ's birth.

Each Sunday morning at 8:15 and 11 worship, an additional candle is lit on the Advent wreath which features three blue and one pink candle, until on Christmas Eve when all four candles, plus the white Christ candle in the center of the wreath will be burning.

■ The annual Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner will be held

Sunday from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children age 4-12. There is no charge for children age 3 and under.

■ The Sunday School Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The church is located at 616 Washington St., Sewickley.

The public is invited to attend.

Oasis Service

An Oasis Service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley.

This is a quiet service of prayer, song, communion and anointing for healing.

It is held in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. In the Robinson Room, a walking labyrinth is available for meditation from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Raymond Besong of Fair Oaks

Raymond J. Besong, 75, of Fair Oaks, passed away Nov. 14, 2005, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

After 10 years, he is finally reunited with his loving wife Anne to whom he was married for 44 years.

In addition to his wife and parents, Raymond was preceded in death by his brothers: Charlie, Bill, Jack, Jim, and Tom; and his sister, Lila.

Raymond leaves to mourn his loss his devoted children, Deborah Cheddar and husband Bill of Sewickley; Keith Raymond and his wife Christine of Merrimack, N. H.; Colleen Sipes and husband Jeff, and Kimberly McGill, all of Baden.

He was the proud grandfather (#1 Pappy) of Erin, Kristen, Katie and Nicholas Cheddar; Jacob, Jamie and Jessie Besong; Brandon and Brittany Sipes; and Carly McGill.

He will be remembered by them for his unconditional love and words of encouragement.

He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Brutout, and



Raymond Besong

brothers: Bob, Paul, Alvin, and Ron Besong and their spouses; and a special sister-in-law, Alice Oaks.

Many nieces and nephews will remember Uncle Ray for his funny stories and jokes.

Interment was in Good Samaritan Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to his favorite charity, Make-a-Wish Foundation, or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by the John Syka Funeral Home, Ambridge.

IN MEMORY

Vance Engleman, 69, of Sewickley

Vance Sherwood Engleman, 69, of Sewickley died Nov. 6, 2005, at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital from respiratory failure, a complication of the congenital disease Beta Thalassemia. He was 69 years old.

Elizabeth Engleman, his former spouse, was near throughout his recent years of illness.

Other survivors include his sister, Sue Butler of Dallas, Texas; niece Robyn Ray, also of Dallas; nephew Jeff Musgrave of Austin, Texas; stepdaughter Lisa Landers DuBose of Lake Wales, Fla.; granddaughters Bethany and Bailey DuBose of Lake Wales, Fla.

Mr. Engleman was preceded in death by his stepmother Loretta Engleman of Dallas, Texas; mother Gwen Hixon of Dallas, Texas; and father Gordon Engleman of New Albany, Ind.

He was born June 8, 1936, in Dallas. He graduated from Sunset High School and completed his undergraduate work at Texas Wesleyan University.

Mr. Engleman went on to earn a Master of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology, followed by ordination as a Methodist minister and

appointed to a three-year term as campus minister with the Wesley Foundation at Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Engleman later joined the faculty at the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago. The institute was developed to promote church renewal and religious studies in an existential context. He made 14 trips to India in that position.

He adored small animals and children. His beloved domestic cats, Sophie and Jasper, were always found in the Ashram of his Sewickley home.

Mr. Engleman was active in Among Friends, a job search networking forum which helps members find employment. He also was a regular presenter and highly popular speaker at five chapters of PAPEN (Pennsylvania Professional Employment Network). His first presentation to the network was made in 1994; his last was just weeks before his death.

Mr. Engleman established Options International in the Pittsburgh area in 1982 after a two-year term in Washington, D.C., as a White House Fellow.

He was also a regular member of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Association of

University People whenever health permitted.

Mr. Engleman was the chairman of The Executive Committee (TEC) of Pittsburgh for six years. The organization is dedicated to increasing effectiveness and enhancing the lives of presidents and CEOs of small- to medium-sized companies.

In each endeavor, he concentrated on bringing humanity back into focus.

In 2003, Mr. Engleman published "In Search of Profound Humanness. A Collection of Writings to Stir the Senses," following his 1988 publication of "The Journey."

He became a self-taught Gandhi scholar. A full 100-volume set of complete writings and works of Mahatma Gandhi is in repository in Engleman's Ashram.

Mr. Engleman had just completed a term as President of Pittsburgh Society of Artists. His photographic images of children from around the world are known to local patrons. He served on the board of directors for five years.

Mr. Engleman's life was celebrated on Nov. 19 at the First Unitarian Church in Shadyside.

William Johnston, 79, Tuskegee Airman

William A. Johnston Jr., 79, of Oberlin, Ohio, died Nov. 10, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa; a son, William III of Dale City, Va.; his sister, Martha Wilkins of Oberlin; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by parents, William Sr. and Mary;

and his daughter, Holly.

William grew up in Edgeworth and attended Sewickley High School.

He was one of the Tuskegee Airmen, having served as Second Lt. Pilot in U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II.

He and the other Tuskegee Airman from the Sewickley Area were honored with a special program in August by the Daniel B. Matthews Historical Society. It was a public salute to their ground-breaking achievements.

He was employed as an air traffic controller for the F.A.A. in Oberlin for 26 years.

He retired in 1982.

A funeral service was held Nov. 15, 2005, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Oberlin.

Burial was in Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin.

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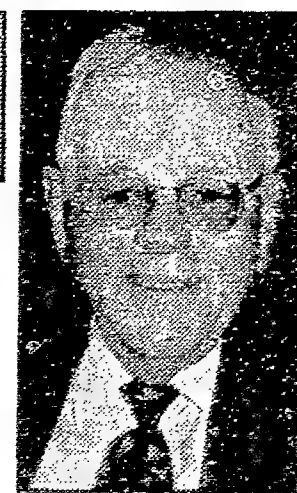
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Thought for the Week

"How swiftly the years and the seasons pass" is a thought that frequently occurs to all of us. And probably it is felt with the greatest weight each fall and winter as the holiday season approaches.

Now another Thanksgiving is here. This, with the Fourth of July, is the most thoroughly American of all our holidays - celebrating the very beginnings of our nation. And, when properly observed, it honors the courage, skills and dedication of long gone men and women who faced and conquered the difficulties of unbelievable scope.

There will be, inevitably, an emphasis on the material aspects of the day as speakers dwell on the abundance that is known so generally throughout the land. But abundance is not enough. The strength of peoples and powers lies in the qualities possessed by those who celebrated the first Thanksgiving - independence, a profound sense of individual responsibility, a deep spiritual belief and dedication to freedom for all. This is what we should remember on Thanksgiving Day...and every other day of the year...



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FOR THE CHILDREN

Mayor Poninsky kicks off toy campaign

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Drop off your donation at the Leetsdale Borough Building Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. before Friday, Dec. 2.

Pete Poninsky, Leetsdale Borough mayor and Allegheny County Boroughs Association 1st vice president, will deliver them to the boroughs association for the Marine Corps to collect.

Baking for a cause

Sewickley Moms Club will hold a holiday

iday bakesale on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Wolcott Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The group is joining in the national campaign called "The Great American Bakesale" sponsored by ABC, PARADE magazine and Share Our Strength.

All proceeds will benefit Share Our Strength, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger in America.

Since 2003 the Great American Bakesale has raised millions of dollars for children across the country.

There will be a variety of homemade baked goods for sale.



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DANIEL FORD, 3, of Sewickley watches one of the many trains pass at Greenberg's Train, Toy and Hobby Show at the Pittsburgh ExpoMart in Monroeville.

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immersed in the community, raising money for worthy causes, such as the Christy House and Animal Friends.

Judi is a wife, personal chef, caterer, dachshund devotee... and a blogger. You'll find her lively reports on YourSewickley.com.

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CLASS REUNION



LEETSDALE HIGH School classmates held their 50th reunion this summer at the Montour Heights Country Club. Twenty-four members of the Class of 1955 came to celebrate. They were (front, from left) Suzanne Puckinger Segeleon, Tony Mester, Donna McGaughey Fleig, Elsie Easter Knappenberger, Andy Sabol and Noel Mohn; (second row, from left) Ron Kozar, Patricia Donofrio Halicek, Pearl Julia Petkash and Lois Oesterling Hartenbach; (third row, from left) Joe Perkins, Priscilla Peters Klejbach, Martha Kerzan Munk, Molly Woodham Munk and Margaret Smelas Lojek; (fourth row, from left) Jim Campbell, Dave MacDonald, Bill Dobias and Calvin Plues; and (fifth row, from left) Joe Russo, Oden Myers, Dick Johns, Jim Cigan and Everette Snedden.

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FOR YOUR HEALTH

Ohio Valley Hospital schedules classes

The following classes will be held next month at Ohio Valley General Hospital.

- A Pre-natal class is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, at 9 a.m. in the hospital's board room.

This is a one-time class for expectant parents on the signs of labor, anesthesia and fetal monitoring.

It is for those in seventh or eighth month of pregnancy.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

- An Infant Care Class is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the board room.

This class will provide information for those in the seventh month of pregnancy about caring for a baby, proper feeding, bathing and handling.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

- A Breastfeeding Class will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 12:45 p.m. in the board room.

This is a one-time class for expectant mothers on breastfeeding techniques and the advantages of breastfeeding.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

- A Sibling Class will be

held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in the hospital's obstetrics suite on the third floor.

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IN MEMORY

Charles Stinson, Herald's founding family

Charles J. Stinson, 90, a lifelong resident of Sewickley, died Nov. 19, 2005, at Villa St. Joseph in Baden, Pa.

He was the son of the late James M. and Ellen (Dolan) Stinson.

Mr. Stinson was a life member of St. James Catholic Church in Sewickley, as well as a member of their Usher Club, a member of the Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad Club and a member of the Sewickley Senior Men's Club.

Mr. Stinson retired in 1976 after 40 years working for the Pennsylvania Railroad/Consolidated Railroad in the administration department.

He was a WWII veteran in the Army from 1943 to 1946, where he was a technician fifth grade in the 99 Replacement Battalion.

He earned the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and a WWII Victory Medal.

Mr. Stinson was the husband of the late Ruth (Nelly) Stinson and brother William P. Stinson.

He was the loving father of Carol Ann Stinson of Sewickley, Mary S. Gibson and her husband Brian E. of Sewick-



ley, the brother of Catherine Skrabut of Sewickley, Samuel H. P. Stinson of Virginia, the proud grandfather of J.C. Weber of Massachusetts and Suzanne Weber of Center Township, and the great grandfather of Emily and Matthew Moroney of Center Township.

Mr. Stinson was buried in St. James Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements were handled by Copeland's Sewickley.

Grace D'Amico

Formerly of Leetsdale

Grace A. (Schaming) D'Amico, 76, a resident of

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Churches, schools celebrate the season

Join us as we prepare for Christmas with the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 5 - 7 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley.

The evening includes a covered dish dinner, crafts and ornament making and Christmas carols around the tree.

Hanging of the Greens is a fun, inter-generational family affair. Bring a friend.

Call the church office at 412-741-4550 to sign up.

QV concert schedule

More than 500 students will be taking part in the two-week Quaker Valley School District holiday concert series premiering Monday, Dec. 7.

The various choral and instrumental ensembles performing this year include 4th

Grade Chorus, 5th Grade Chorus, Osborne and Edgeworth 5th Grade Bands, QV 5th Grade Strings, 6th Grade Orchestra, 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, Middle School Chorus, High School Symphonic Band, High School Jazz Band, High School Orchestra, High School Choir, High School Vocal Ensemble and the High School Girls Barbershop Quartet.

The full concert schedule is as follows:

- Quaker Valley High School Band/Choir Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the high school auditorium.
- Quaker Valley Middle School Band Winter Concert is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, at the high school audi-

torium.

- Quaker Valley Middle School/High School Orchestra Concert will be presented at the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.
- Osborne Elementary School Holiday Concert, will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Osborne multi-purpose room.
- Edgeworth Elementary School (at Anthony Wayne) Holiday Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Osborne multi-purpose room.

- Quaker Valley Middle School Holiday Chorus Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19, at the Quaker Valley High School Auditorium.

All performances are free and open to the public.

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SPORTS



Peanut Heaven

By Jon Paul Creese

A column to bid farewell — and to explain myself

As much as I have enjoyed reporting on Sewickley Valley-area sports each week, it's time to move on.

The past two years have gone by quickly; and, I have learned even more about the area from which I hail.

There is more to high school sports than I realized before moving back to Sewickley almost three years ago after being away for several years.

Our athletes and sports programs are important to us. An example would be the number of responses, the Herald received concerning my recent column about a Sewickley Academy freshman who behaved inappropriately during a WPIAL championship soccer game.

The incident itself hardly deserves the amount of attention it's gotten (I've received several responses, some of which were printed in this and last week's editions), but it goes to show that folks in this area are rightly concerned about the athletes and programs that provide a back drop from which students learn what often is more challenging to teach in a classroom setting — sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, etc.

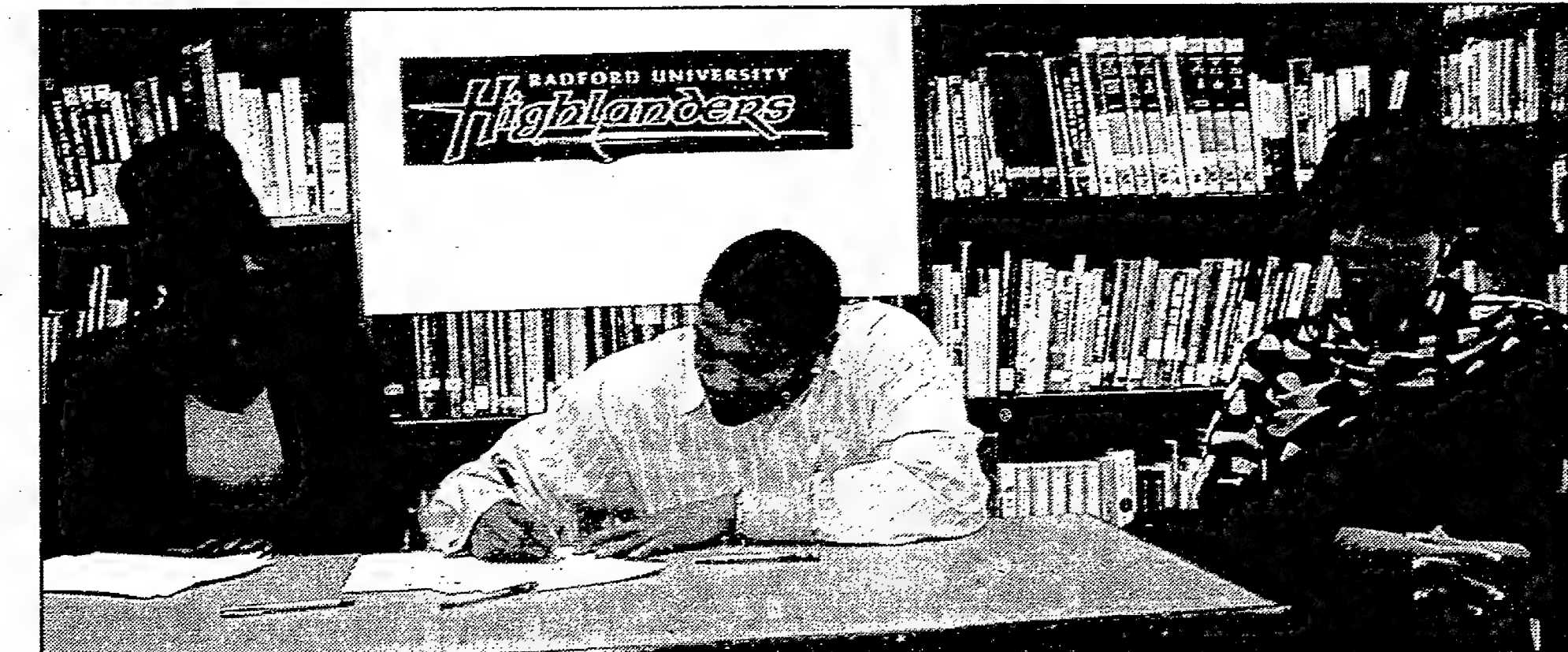
To those who challenged me to defend the column, I offer this: You all raised some interesting points, but I had already considered them and felt I had stronger reasons for printing the column.

Everything that happens during a newsworthy event is fair game to a writer, and anything that helps to articulate a useful lesson deserves to be incorporated into a column.

(Not to mention... had the incident happened in the pros, or even in college, it would have been reported — with plenty of bias, I'm sure, as it makes for interesting fodder).

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Recruited ...



AMIR JOHNSON officially signs on with Radford University, a Division I school, where he will pursue more basketball stats. Supporting Johnson in his decision is his mother, Phyllis Johnson (left) and his "second mother," Terry Bradford.

Photo by Jon Paul Creese

Johnson accepts early bidder

QV senior heads for Highlander ground for college basketball

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

The Quakers are in high demand. With practically the same team as the one that gave new meaning to the word "excitement" last year entering the 2006-07 season, expectations are high.

And Amir Johnson, returning high-scorer, knows it.

"Everyone will be expecting more," Johnson said, minutes after

signing with Division 1 Radford University last week. "I'm ready for it. I like giving more."

Eager-to-please Johnson has good intentions, and probably the wherewithal to pull them off, but giving more is quite the tall order for someone who averaged 24 points per game, recorded several double doubles and triple doubles and generally acted as the oil that kept the Quaker's wheels in motion.

The kid is magic, an undeniable play-maker. That's what earned him the reputation as one of the best in the WPIAL and a spot on a Division 1 team. He produces.

And he's ready to take it up a notch.

"If I want to play D1, then this should be a breeze," Johnson said, a bit out of character for one typically more bashful.

But the senior star has a good reason to be more confident this year. He knows his team was one of the best last year ... and the key players haven't changed.

He and seniors Ryann Bradford, returning underneath an alley-oop go-to man who averaged 18 points and Ryan Courneen, a three-point threat with a 15-point average, have

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

QV names new girls' varsity coach

Quaker Valley High School has named Curtis A. Williams as the new head coach of the girls' varsity basketball team.

Williams was first assistant last year under former head coach Sally Paille, who stepped down after one season with the Quakers.

Williams has extensive experience coaching girls' basketball, according

to a QV press release.

He has served as head coach and director for PA Elite Girls Basketball in Pittsburgh, as an assistant and head coach of PA Stars (AAU) and was head coach and assistant coach in the Canon-McMillan School District for four years.

He also coached a regional team that competed in the Keystone State

Games.

The Lady Quakers finished fourth in their conference last year and placed one player on the first team All-Conference and one on the second team All-Conference team.

Williams, a U.S. Postal Service postmaster, is a graduate of North Carolina State University.

He lives in Canonsburg.

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Amir Johnson ready for '06 season with Quaker Valley

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enough diversity to any Class A team on its toes.

"Our team is ready. We play hard," he said. "We had our first practice today, and we played hard. Everyone is excited ... very excited."

And Johnson expects that hard work and excitement to bubble over into the first game against Aliquippa, to which the Quakers owe a basketful of pay back.

Last year, during a state quarterfinal game against the Quips, QV was robbed of advancing by a questionably late final buzzer that allowed Aliquippa to break a tie lead-

ing into overtime.

Johnson said he has let that painful moment go but will remember it come game time.

"Aliquippa is a good team. I know everyone on it," he said.

"Our team is known now. I don't think I would change anything from last year. You have to go through growing pains.

"I will definitely think about it before the game, though."

Johnson, who made an impact as a sophomore on a Sewickley Academy WPIAL championship and state silver medalist team, transferred to QV last year.

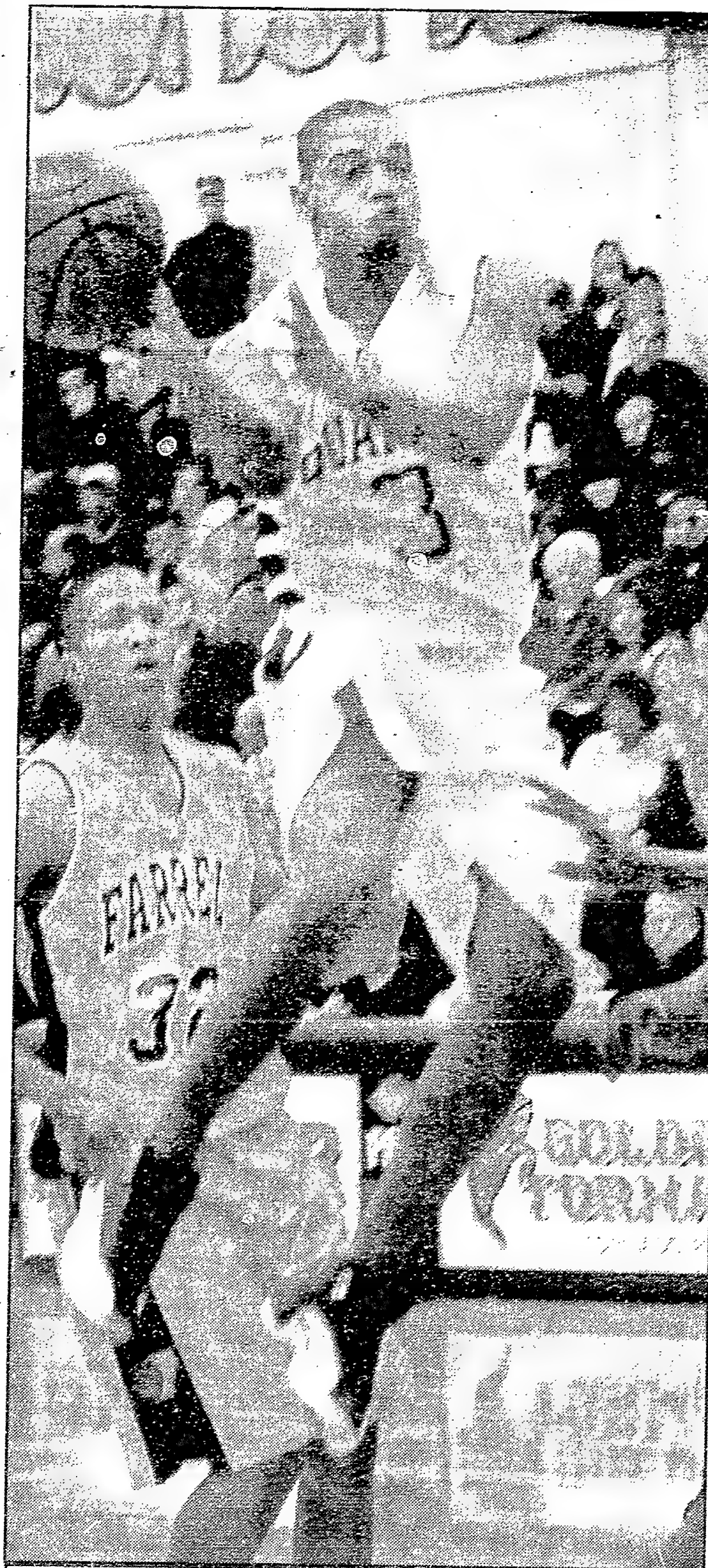
He made an early pick

with Radford, but seems more concerned with lifting the Quakers to legendary status by helping them earn a PIAA gold this year.

"I've been working out ... running, lifting, playing ... all year. The team gets together at the Sewickley YMCA ... Me and Ryann, everyday we're in the weight room," Johnson said, adding his most important role is being a team leader.

"Everyone has a little more respect for everyone on the team. If [younger players] want to go far, they need to listen to people with experience and play a higher level of basketball.

"They need to listen to me,



AMIR JOHNSON goes up to fool the Farrell defense during a game last year. *Archive photo*

Courneen and Bradford," he said.

Johnson said strong defense will keep the Quakers competitive this year.

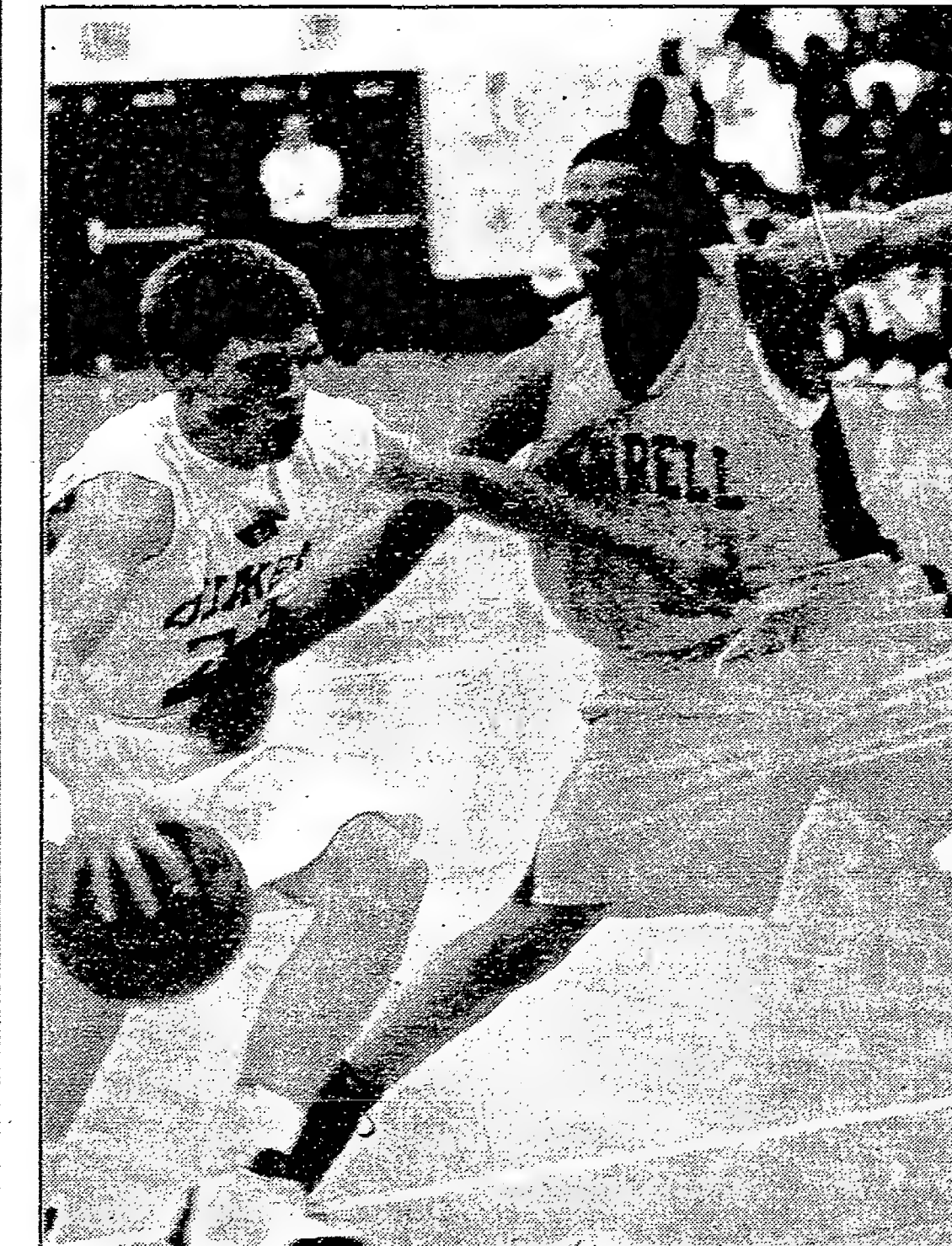
"You've got to have intensity. You've got to be in every-

one's face," he explained.

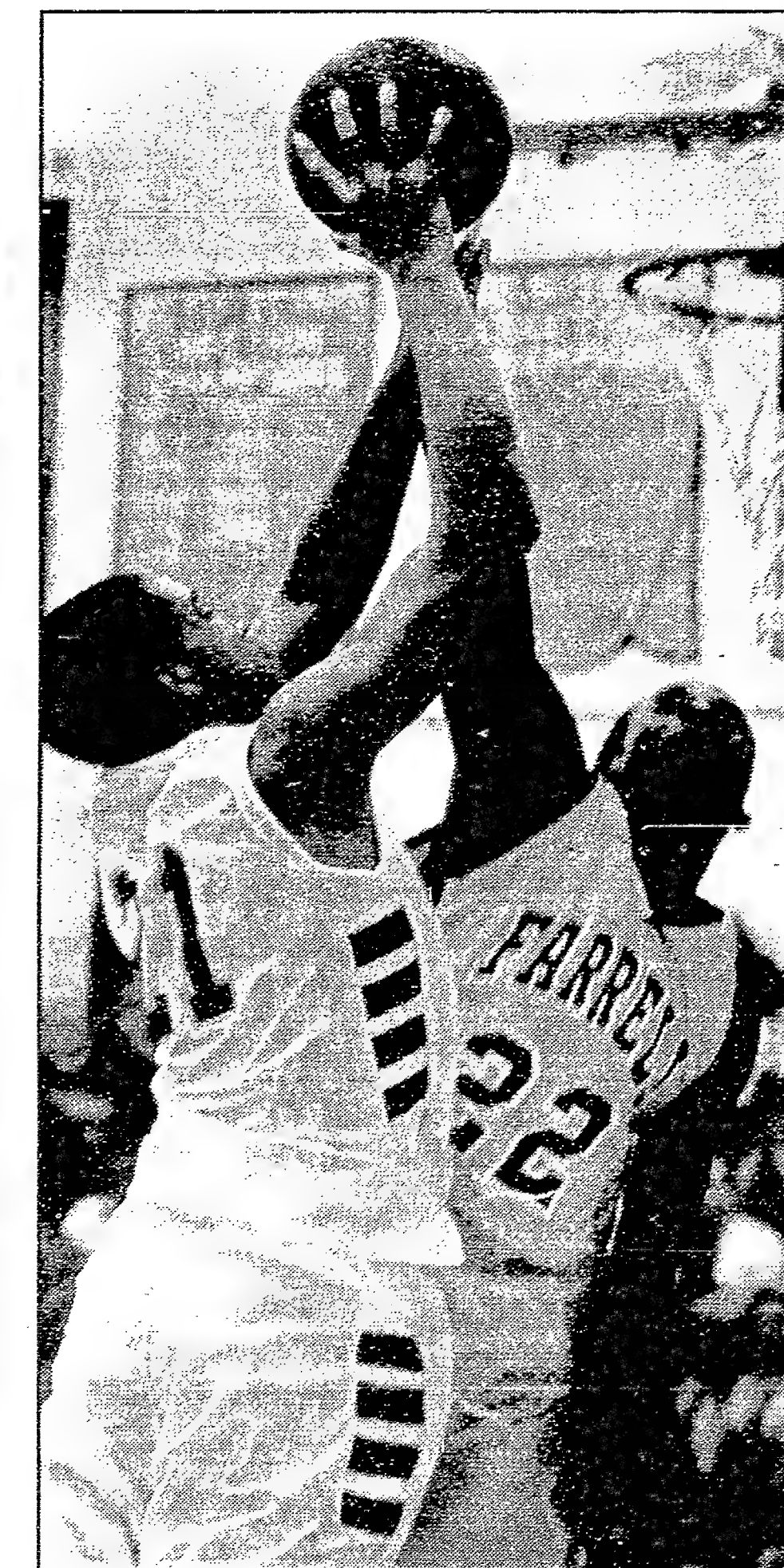
"They don't want to dribble when you're in their face.

"And we have the ability to score. We can score as a team."

Guts, Glory



RYAN COURNEEN (above), returning Quaker Valley starter, fights for an inside lane against Farrell last year. Ryann Bradford, also a return starter and second high point-man, goes up for two. *Archive photos*



Quakers up against proven AA teams

Head coach Demko feels QV has right stuff to make state finals

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

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The Quakers have a tough road ahead with these players and teams lined up against them in WPIAL Class AA boys' basketball.

But QV boasts some big names of its own — Amir Johnson, Ryann Bradford and Ryan Courneen — who together played the kind of basketball last year that leads to championships, and sometimes returns with gold.

"We're a quicker, faster and deeper team. The goal is simple. We want to get to Hershey."

— Tom Demko, head coach

They fell short last year, barely, but Quaker head coach Tom Demko feels with all the work the team put in during the off season, and with more strength and experience, the team can go all the way.

Demko said with as much senior leadership as QV has this year, it's just a matter of getting the younger players on the same page.

"We're a quicker, faster and deeper team," he said. "The goal is simple. We

want to get to Hershey."

Demko said the team has a strong nucleus with return starters who average 67 points a game among them, with Johnson ringing in with 24, Bradford with 18 and Courneen with 15 and Darren Rogers, who averaged 6 points a game in 2004-05.

"We like to stick to what we do best, rather than adjust to other teams," Demko said of the strategy this year. "That means getting rebounds, get the ball in Amir's hands and push up the floor."

If the Quakers can do that much, victory is all but assured.

"We have four stand-out seniors this year," Demko said. "The goal is to develop the other kids, and hopefully, prepare them for the post season."

"These guys want to get to Hershey."

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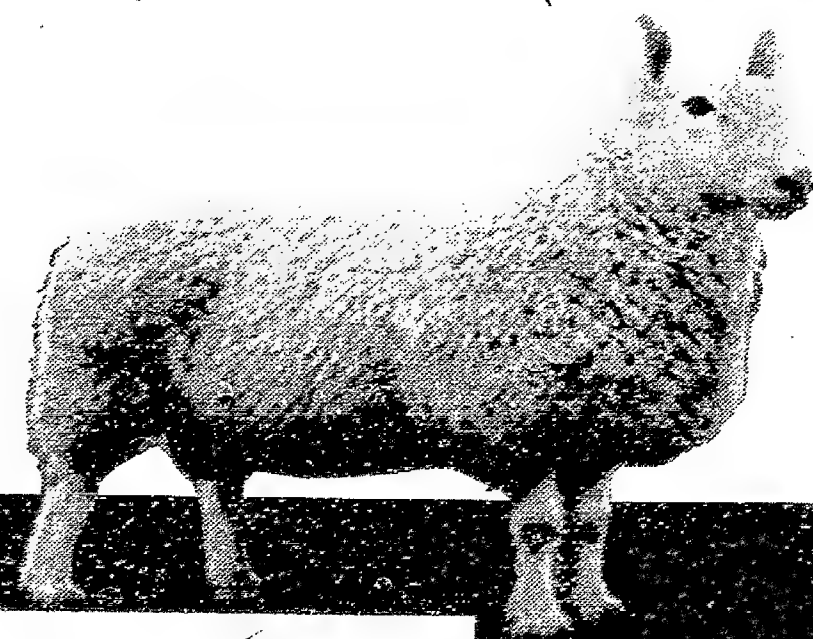
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PIAA SOCCER

QV earns silver medal after 1-0 loss to Christopher Dock

By Bill Hurtlep

Sports editor

After 72 minutes of scoreless soccer, Quaker Valley's hopes of a seventh state title came to a crashing halt last weekend in Hershey Park Stadium.

Christopher Dock Mennonite High School's Jason Monte sent a shot between two defenders covering an open net for the winning tally.

The crease was vacated by goaltender James Falconi, who had collided with a CD forward while fighting for a loose ball.

That lone goal would hold up as QV lost to Christopher Dock, 1-0, in the PIAA Championship.

"Christopher Dock was a very good team as we expected," said coach Gene Klein.

"We did very well most of the game. We had some opportunities. They were able to capitalize on theirs. We weren't. That was the difference."

Despite the second place finish, the Quakers boys' soccer team enjoyed a 21-6 record this season, including a 12-0 section mark which earned the team a Section 5A Championship.

Quaker Valley also advanced through the WPIAL playoffs, finishing in third place to qualify for the state tournament.

"One of the most important things for me is to get better as the season goes on and be playing our best soccer at the end of the season," said Klein, who is in his 24th season coaching at QV.

"It was a disappointing loss in the WPIALs, but we showed a lot of heart and a lot of character to come back for the consolation match

and state playoffs. That was really important to see us playing our best soccer at the end of the year."

The Quakers' accomplishments didn't come without hard work, as the team began the season with a 1-4 record after falling to top-notch competition in early exhibition matchups.

Quaker Valley hosted two of the top teams in the state at the beginning of the year in the East-West Classic, losing to Wilson (1-0) and Fleetwood (2-1).

The Quakers would also drop two of their next three contests to Class AAA powerhouses Chartiers Valley (2-0) and Peters Township (3-1).

They quickly bounced back as the schedule progressed, winning 14 games in a row en route to the WPIAL playoffs.

Quaker Valley lost to Seton-LaSalle (3-2) in the WPIAL semifinals, but defeated Vincentian (3-0) in the consolation game to qualify for the PIAA playoffs.

Once in the PIAA tournament, QV defeated Eisenhower (3-0), Sewickley Academy (1-0) and Camp Hill (2-1), before losing to Christopher Dock in the Class A championship game.

Leading the way for QV this season was Adam Monteverde, who posted 28 goals during the year.

He was named to the All-Section and All-WPIAL teams, along with teammates Ben Sopp, Trey Bevins and Ryan Fetterolf. Sopp and Bevins also earned All-WPIAL status last season.

Sopp was also just named to the prestigious All-State team.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



CHRISTA ROGERS, of the Quaker Valley Girls' Basketball Team, goes up for a lay up during practice last week at the high school. The girls' team begins the 2006-07 season with a new coach, Curtis Williams, who replaced Sally Paille. See future issues of the Sewickley Herald for more on QV and Sewickley Academy basketball.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

PEANUT HEAVEN

A fond farewell to readers

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Heated exchanges can be what sports are all about.

Over the last two years, I probably could have written several columns that may have solicited my readers' contempt or praise. It would have kept things interesting; however, as a small-town reporter, I feel it is only appropriate if the column will serve to teach a lesson, or benefit the community in some other fashion, as was my intent last week.

As a sports editor, I could not allow a local player to disparage a championship team without commenting on it. We should all expect and demand a degree of integrity from our young athletes.

Although the academy's head coach did respond immediately, demanding the player apologize, the fact remains the freshman's

action provided a compelling angle to make a positive point about sportsmanship.

There was no other "hidden agenda," and it is simply a matter of fact that human shortcomings can be just as newsworthy as human achievement.

Occasionally, if a situation calls for it, some "bad news" is going to be printed. We have a choice to face it head on, or hide it under a rug. I choose the former.

I believed the player, the team, the school and the community as a whole would benefit from the column.

Fortunately, judging from my experience, a vast majority of our area's student-athletes exhibit a high degree of integrity and discipline.

This is why it is with regret that I leave this post.

I will miss you all. Thank you for making my time here very special.



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Gwynn Wardwell trustee sold property at 132 Witherow Road to Kyle Little and Kelly Little for \$385,000.

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Timothy Miller sold property at 609 Academy Ave. to Joseph and Bonnie Nocito for \$1,600,000.

Glenfield

Sharon Church sold property at 309 Dawson

Ave. to Paul and Julia Carmody for \$118,000.

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Alan Breedlove sold property at 1110 Beaver Road to Robert and Amelia Shillingsburg for \$995,000.

Sewickley

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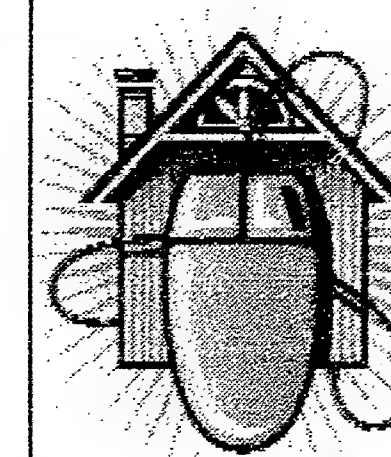
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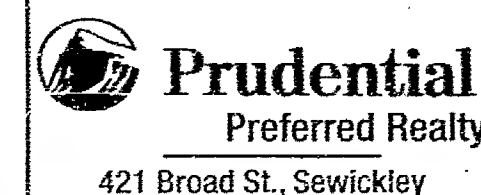


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The foyer opens into a bayed den on the right, and stairs on the left. Natural light washes down over the stairway through an arched win-

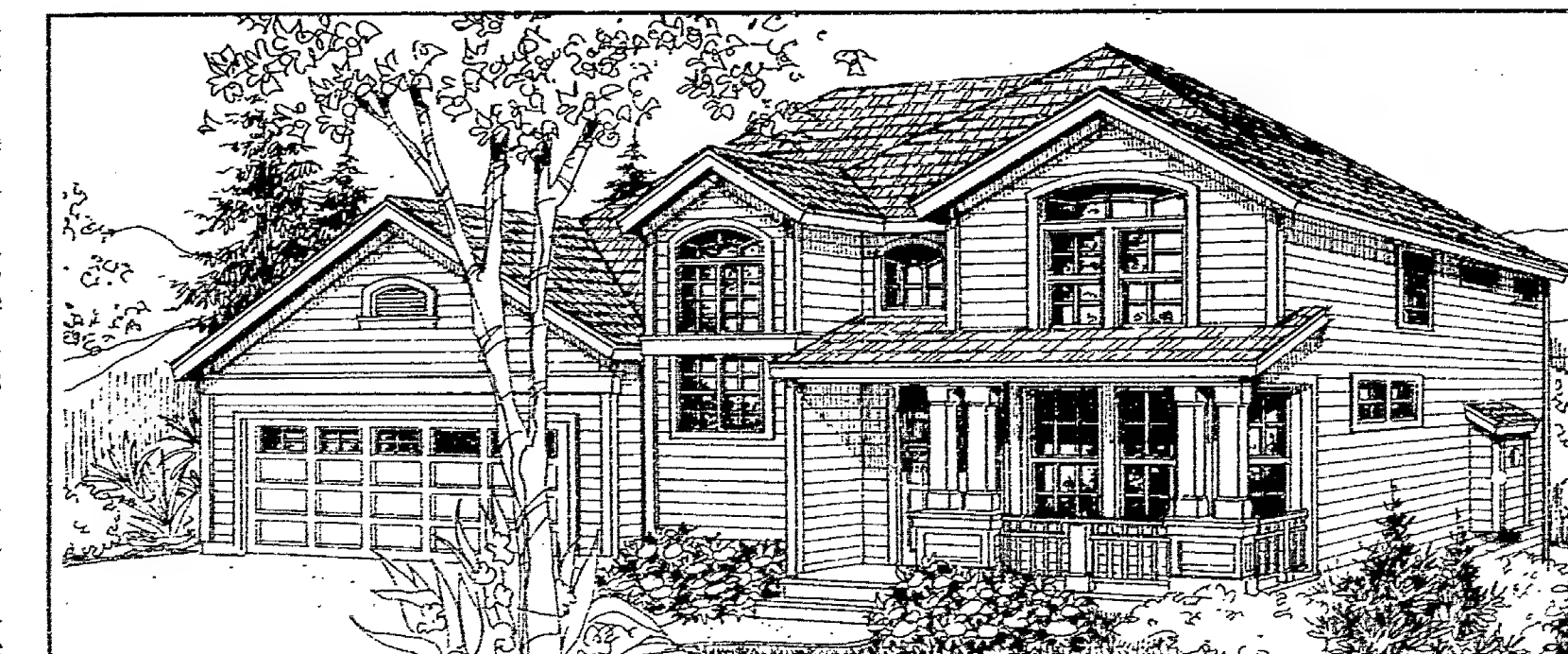
dow there. The window seat halfway up is the perfect spot for enjoying a good book. Three bedrooms and a wide balcony are on the second floor.

Three family gathering spaces flow together at the rear. The spacious living room has a gas fireplace. It flows into an octagonal dining room, which is open to the kitchen.

The C-shaped kitchen offers a wealth of cupboard and counter space.

Families who enjoy cooking together will find plenty of space to work without getting in each other's way. A raised eating bar rims the kitchen/dining room boundary, and the view from the kitchen sink is splendid.

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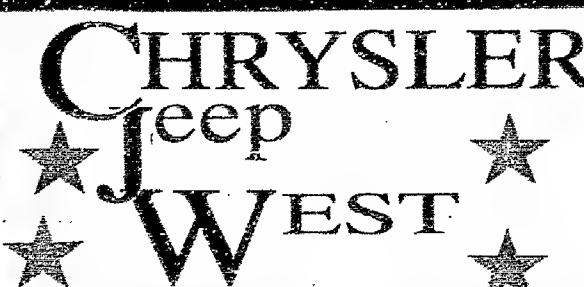
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2005 Sewickley Yuletide in the Village

★ Yuletide Event Calendar ★

Wednesday, November 23 - Saturday, November 26
• **DAILY** 10am - 4pm - Holiday Mart, Sweetwater Art Center

Sunday, November 27
• 12pm - 4pm - Holiday Mart, Sweetwater Art Center

Monday, November 28 - Wednesday, November 30
• **DAILY** 10am - 4pm - Holiday Mart, Sweetwater Art Center

Wednesday, November 30
• 4pm - 5:30pm After School with Mother Nature
Fern Hollow Nature Center

Thursday, December 1
• 10am - 4pm Daily Holiday Mart, Sweetwater Art Center

Friday, December 2
• 5:30 - 9pm Light-Up Night Sewickley Village -
Events Listed Within This Guide

Saturday, December 3
• 9am - Sewickley Mom's Club Bake Sale, Wolcott Park
• 9am - 12pm - The Very Merry Green Elephant
Fern Hollow Nature Center
• 10am - 4pm Daily Holiday Mart, Sweetwater Art Center
• 10:30am - Santa Parade, Beaver St from Grant to Chestnut
• 11am - 2pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
• 11am - 1pm - Letters to Santa Writing Party
Sewickley Public Library
• 11:30 am - Visit Santa Claus, Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 2pm - 3pm - American Girls Holiday Tea (Grades 3-5)
Sewickley Public Library
• 6pm - Children's Pagent "All I want for Christmas"
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 4
• 9am & 11am - Children's Pagent "All I want for Christmas"
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
• 2pm - 3pm - Snowman Holiday Card Making (K - 2 Grade)
Sewickley Public Library
• 5pm - 7pm - Hanging of the Greens / Covered Dish Dinner
The Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, December 6
• 5pm or 7pm - Christmas Festive Dinner
Christy House Two Seatings
• 6pm - 8pm - Tree of Life Ceremony
Sewickley Valley Hospital Lobby

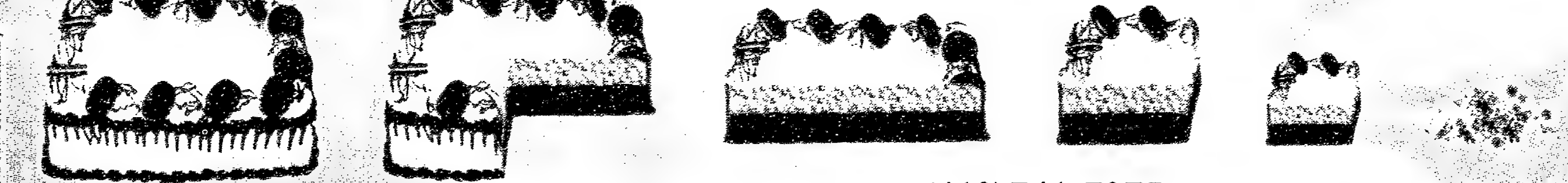
Wednesday, December 7
• 4:30pm - 6pm - Holiday Wreath Making (Grades 4-5)
Sewickley Public Library
• 5pm - 8pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Sewickley Village
• 6pm - 8:00pm - Clock Tower Tours
Sewickley United Methodist Church
• 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Sewickley Melody, Gazebo, Wolcott Park

Saturday, December 10
• 9:30am - 11:30am - Women's Christmas Brunch
Grace Commons at St. Stephen's
• 9:30 AM - Woman's Festive Brunch / Performance by
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Sacred Sound Ensemble
• 10:30am - 1pm - Visit Santa Claus, Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 11am - 12pm - Sewickley Academy String Quartet
Strolling Sewickley Village
• 11am - 2pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Sewickley Village
• 11am - Family Storytime: Christmas is Coming!
Sewickley Public Library
• 12pm - 2pm - Dean Martin Christmas, Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 1pm or 2pm - Gingerbread House Fun (Family Program)
Sewickley Public Library

Sunday, December 11
• 2:00 PM - Book Bugs: Winter Wonderland! (K-2 Grade)
Sewickley Public Library

Tuesday, December 13
• 11:30am - Senior's Christmas Luncheon
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
• 6:30pm - River City BrassBand Concert to benefit
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Sewickley United Methodist Church
• 7pm - PJ Storytime: "Sweet" Dreams! (Family)
Sewickley Public Library

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Wednesday, December 14
• 5pm - 6pm - American Girls Holiday Tea (Grades 3-5)
Sewickley Public Library
• 5pm - 8pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides Sewickley Village
• 6pm - Q.V. High School Mistletoe March
Strolling Sewickley Village
• 6pm - 8:00pm - Clock Tower Tour
Sewickley United Methodist Church
• 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Sewickley Melody Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 7pm - 8pm - Snowman Holiday Card Making (Grades 3-5)
Sewickley Public Library

Friday, December 16
• 8pm - Chatham Baroque Blue Grass Concert
Sewickley United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 17
• 10:30am - 1pm - Visit Santa Claus Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 11am - 12pm - Sewickley Academy String Quartet
Strolling Sewickley Village
• 11am - 2pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides Sewickley Village
• 12pm - 2pm - Dean Martin Christmas Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 12:15pm - Matinee Madness: Polar Express (Grades 1-5)
Sewickley Public Library
• 8pm - Close - Sons of Italy Christmas Party
Sons of Italy Club, Division St.

Sunday, December 18
• 11am worship - Children's Christmas Pageant
The Presbyterian Church
• 7pm - Curtain - St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas Pageant
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 21
• 5pm - 8pm - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides Sewickley Village
• 6pm - 8:00pm - Clock Tower Tours
Sewickley United Methodist Church
• 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Sewickley Melody Gazebo, Wolcott Park

Saturday, December 24
• 10:30 - 1pm - Visit Santa Claus Gazebo, Wolcott Park
• 11am - 12pm - Sewickley Academy String Quartet
Strolling Sewickley Village
• 12pm - 2pm - Dean Martin Christmas Gazebo, Wolcott Park

Sunday, December 25
• 9:30 am - Worship - "Happy Birthday Jesus" Breakfast
Sewickley United Methodist Church

The Borough of Sewickley in conjunction with Riverfront Park, Sewickley Kiwanis & Quaker Valley Rotary invite the community to celebrate The First Annual Christmas Tree Burning Party at Riverfront Park - Walnut & Chestnut Streets, Thursday, January 19, 2006 • 7:00pm-8:30pm
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Yuletide in the Village is a celebration

that lasts throughout the holiday season in a charming town known as Sewickley. The traditional Light-Up Night held this year on Friday, December 2nd kicks off the holiday festivities. At approximately 6:15 pm Mayor John Wise will introduce the 2005 Snow Princesses and Princes and with a wave of their wands 80,000 lights will illuminate the trees on Beaver, Broad, Locust, Walnut and Chestnut Streets. During Light-Up Night portions of Beaver Street will be closed to traffic to accommodate the stages and audience.

Visitors can enjoy many of the special holiday activities and attractions planned for Light-Up Night. An "Old Fashioned Experience" awaits strolling shoppers as they discover the variety of unique shops. Horse Drawn Carriages and a Trolley will circle the Village taking passengers throughout the business district. Local restaurants will welcome in young and old for snacks and dinner a like.

Music and Laughter will fill the airMemories will be created and thoughts of years past will be reflected upon.....For a moment time will stand still. What makes this even more special is that Yuletide does not end with one Magical Night ...it only begins. Santa will arrive in Sewickley on Saturday, December 3rd during the Parade on Beaver Street at 10:30 am. Throughout December there are many holiday performances planned and activities for children and adults to enjoy. (Check the calendar in this guide for more information). Be sure to visit Sewickley on Wednesdays and Saturdays when there will be carriage rides and entertainment throughout the Village. Santa Claus will be at the Gazebo on Saturdays to visit with children. For shopping convenience the Borough of Sewickley will provide free parking on Saturdays, December 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, and there is free parking after 1:30 pm from Friday, December 2nd through Friday, December 23rd.

Raffle Tickets

Show your support for "Yuletide in the Village/Light Up Night" by purchasing a ticket (or as many as you like) for only \$1 per ticket between now and Light-Up Night, Friday, Dec. 2. Tickets may be purchased at any participating merchant. All proceeds will benefit the "Yuletide in the Village" fund. And remember to "Shop Sewickley First!"

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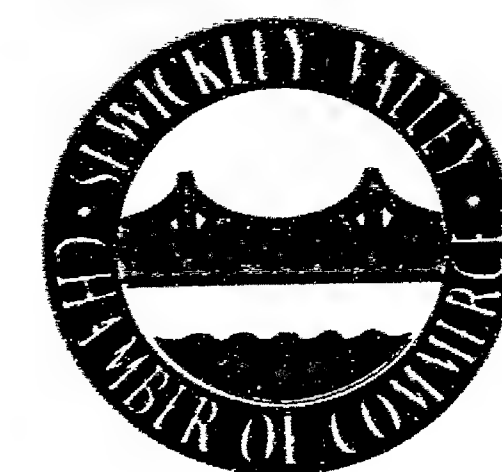
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Winning tickets will be drawn on Dec. 3 during the Santa Parade. (Need not be present to win.) Winners do not select which package they win. Make sure to write your contact info on the ticket stub you submit.

Sewickley Yuletide in the Village 2005



A Yuletide Letter from the President

The Holidays are a special time of year. It is a time when we connect with friends and family, reflect on the year that has passed, and reconnect with the child that still lives in all of us. We give gifts to those we love, give thanks for what we have and give more to those who have very little. It is the only time of the year when wishing for Peace on Earth isn't labeled as subversive and the concept of Joy to the World is almost palpable. At least for brief, shiny moments.

As president of the Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce, I hope I speak on behalf of Sewickley's many wonderful merchants in thanking you for your continued support of Light Up Night, and our December Yuletide in the Village events. It is a joy to see so many of our friends come to Sewickley to take part in a truly unique celebration. And thank you for patronizing the many businesses that are the fabric that holds together all that is special in the Village, the many colors and textures that make Sewickley one of a kind.

Yuletide in the Village is presented by the SVCC and the Borough of Sewickley.

I want to thank Borough Council for their generosity and support and I want to thank Borough Manager Kevin Flannery for all his help throughout the year and especially with this year's preparation and planning of Yuletide in the Village. Kevin has been tireless in his planning and fundraising; and he makes it look so easy.

I would also like to thank Cassandra Sprock of the Sewickley School of Performing Arts. Cassandra booked the entertainment for Yuletide in the Village even though, with a constant schedule of holiday performances, this is the busiest time of the year for Cassandra and her talented students. She is also working hard to raise money for the Children's Hospital Special Care Fund. Please contribute if you can.

And I want to thank the Board of the Directors and ALL the members of the Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce. Together We Can Make A Difference.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Ramadan, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Solstice and a Joyous and prosperous 2006 to everyone.

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★ Yuletide Entertainment Schedule

1 Variety Stage

Beaver & Chestnut Street

- 5:45-6:15 Highland Dancers
- 6:15-6:30 Light Ceremony - Snow Princess & Prince
- 6:30-7:00 Quaker Valley Jugglers
- 7:00-7:20 Sewickley Melody
- 7:20-7:30 Sewickley Melody Raffle Drawing
- 7:30-8:00 Sewickley Melody
- 8:00-8:30 Sounds of Pittsburgh

2 Choral Stage

Beaver & Walnut Street

- 6:30-7:00 Montessori Children's Choir
- 7:00-7:30 One Voice - Triumph Baptist Church
- 7:30-8:00 QV Middle School Choir
- 8:00-8:30 Sewickley Academy Jazz Ensemble
- 8:30-9:00 QV High School Voice Ensemble

3 St. Stephens Henning House

- 6:00-7:30 Street Level Band
 - 7:30-8:00 Children's Choir
 - 8:00-9:00 Street Level Band
- Children's Crafts
Refreshments & Snacks

18 Nickelodeon Mall

- Sean's Signature Salon - Locust Place & Beaver Street
- Live Broadcast WLTJ with Gary & Beth 7-9pm • Giveaways

19 Food Booths Beaver & Broad Street

- Kawanis Club of Sewickley - Hot Chocolate & Coffee
- Quaker Valley Rotary - Hot Cider
- St. James Athletic Association - Candy
- Boy Scout Troop 164 - Hot Dogs, Baked Goods, Candies
- Sewickley Hotel - Hot Soup
- Monte Cello's - Pizza
- Tom Shearer - Kettle Corn

Strolling Entertainment

Victorian Ladies, Big Bird,
Santa's Brass Band, Rudolph,
Frosty the Snowman
Scooby Doo, Monkey Organist

Attractions

4 Clock Tower Tour - Sewickley United Methodist Church 6-8:30pm

5 Santa's Hotline

6 Pony Rides

7 Petting Zoo

8 Jingles the Reindeer

9 Ice Sculpture Demo at American Legion

10 Animal Friends at Sewickley Spa
"Dogs Looking For Christmas Homes"

11 Popcorn - Carnival Style at Robinson's Home & Garden

12 Terri Fetteroff - Wool Spinning Demo

13 Sewickley Public Library

- Children's Crafts
- Mother Goose
- Holiday Music
- Holiday Book Sale
- Refreshments
- Trim a Tree Party

14 Laughlin Center

- Children's Crafts
- Refreshments

15 Sweetwater Center for the Arts

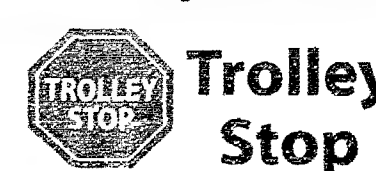
- Holiday Mart - Handmade Gifts & Kid's Shop
- "Let the Men Cook" - Dinner Served 5-8pm

16 Howard Hanna

- Chow Chow Reception 6pm-8:30pm at Howard Hanna Office
- Chinese Auction
- Stuffed Stocking Raffle • Hummer H3 Raffle
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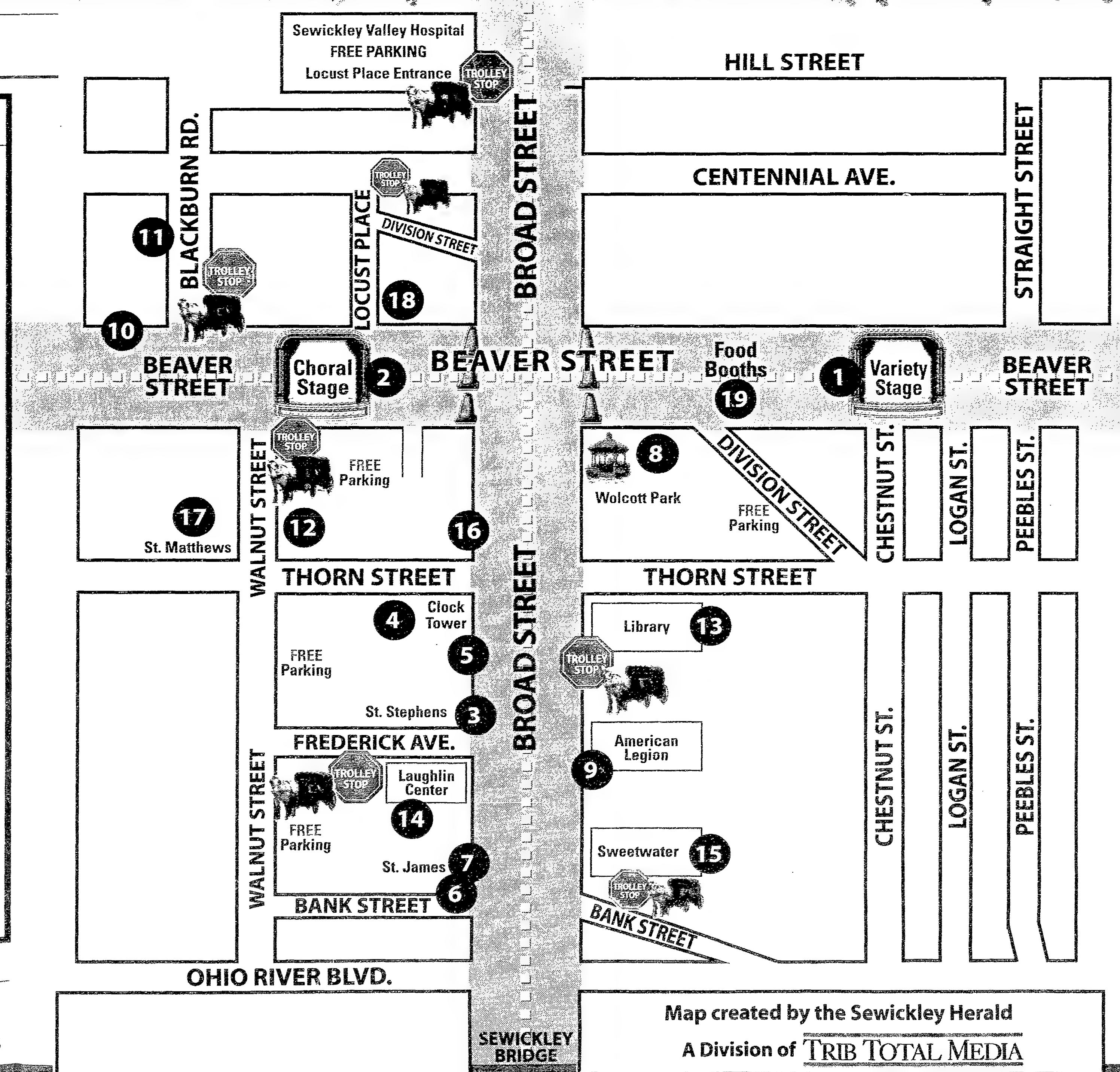
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★ Yuletide Committee

A special Thank You to all of the members of the 2005 Yuletide Committee for all of their efforts putting together this years festivities...

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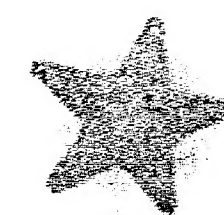
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Triumph Baptist	201 Frederick Avenue	N/A	10:00 AM
St. James Catholic Church	200 Walnut Street	4:30 PM • 7:00 PM • 12 Midnight	8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12 Noon
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Glenfield Road	5:00 PM • 8:00 PM	10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church at Shield's Chapel	Church Lane, Edgeworth	7:00 PM	8:00 AM • 10:00 AM
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	405 Frederick Avenue	4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 8:30 PM • 11:00 PM	10:00 AM
*Dec 24th Services 4pm & 6pm in Grace Commons *Dec 24th Services 8:30pm & 11pm in Sanctuary			
Beth Samuel Jewish Center	810 Kennedy Dr., Ambridge	Hanuka Preview: 7:30 PM	N/A
St. Paul's Lutheran Church	616 Washington Street	5:00 PM • 11:00 PM	N/A
Christ Church at Grove Farm	249 Duff Road	4:00 PM • 7:00 PM • 10:00PM	10:00 AM
The Presbyterian Church, Sewickely	414 Grant Street	12 Noon • 5:00 PM • 6:30 PM • 11:00 PM	11:00 AM
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	801 Beaver Strret	6:30pm	11:00 AM
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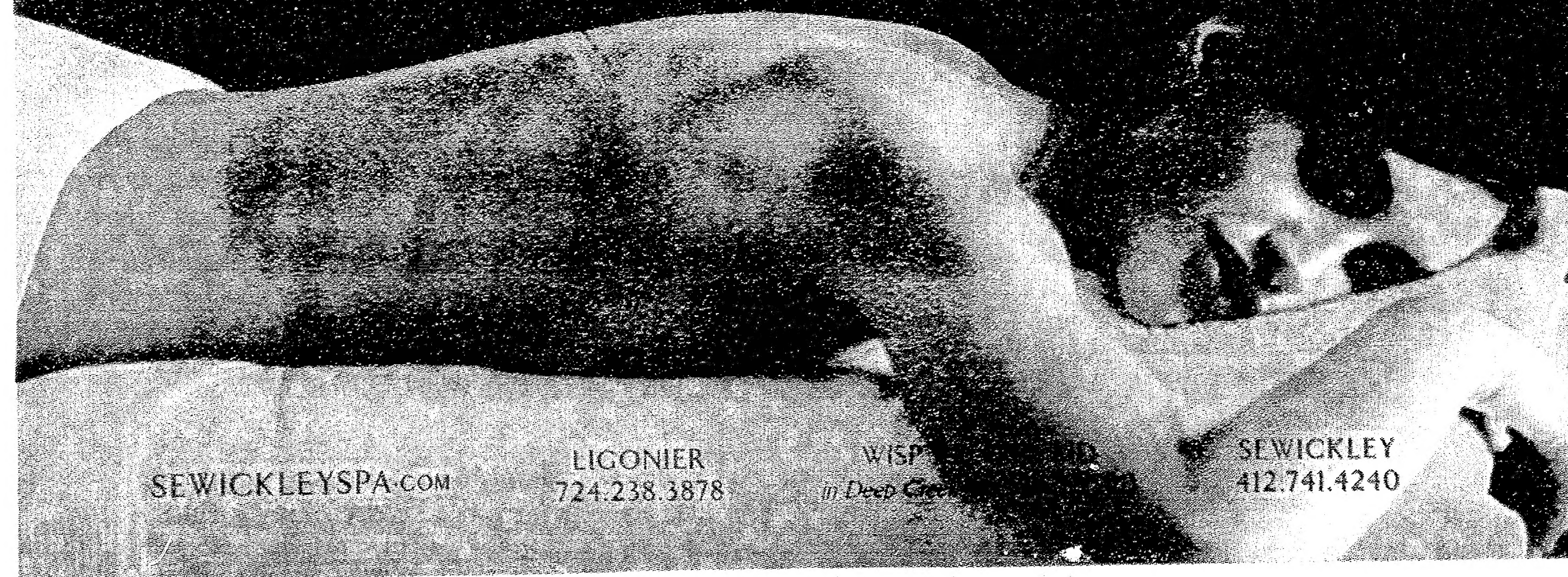
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